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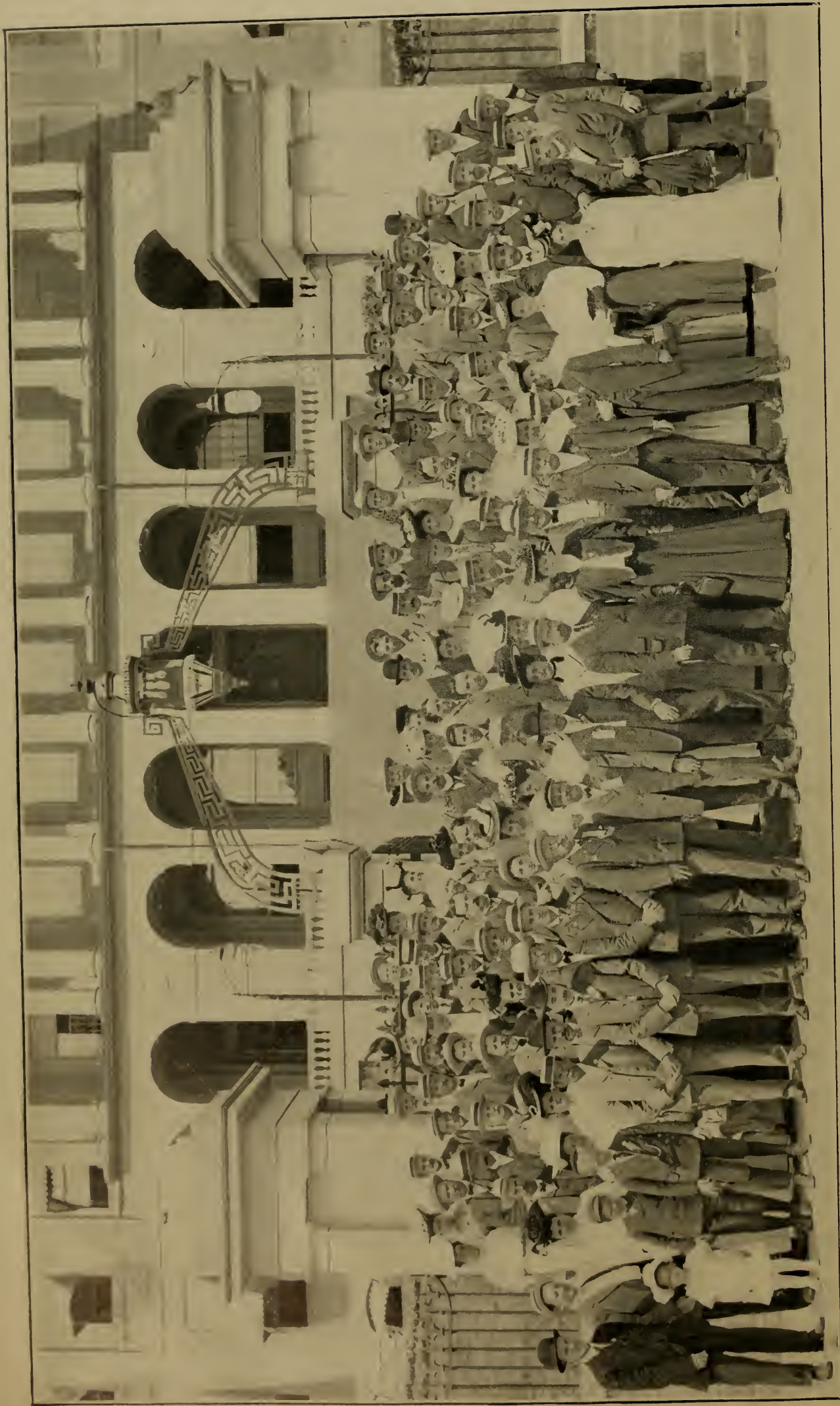
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves according to the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, entitled "An Act relating to Corporations other than those for pecuniary profit," approved March 3, 1870, under the following Articles of Incorporation:

I. The name of the corporation shall be The American Philatelic Society, Its principal office shall be in the city of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota.

II. The purpose for which this corporation is established is to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists, and enable them to affiliate with members of similar societies in other countries, and, in furtherance of these objects, to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of stamps of various kinds through its several departments.

III. Any person may become a member of the society by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members, and accompanied by one dollar for a certificate of stock and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending August 31st), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years, he must accompany his application with a guarantee from some responsible person that the guarantor will be responsible for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the society, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references, and guarantor to be published in the next number of the Official Circular sent to members, and, if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case any objection is filed with the Board of Vice-Presidents, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof and proceed to investigate the case and accept or reject the applicant in their discretion.

IV. The capital stock shall consist of ten thousand shares of a par value of one dollar each. No member shall be allowed to purchase or hold more than one share of said stock. The annual dues shall be two dollars, or such sum as may be prescribed in the By-laws.

V. The corporation shall be managed by and under the care of the Board of Directors, to be elected at such times and in such manner as the By-laws shall prescribe. The first Board of Directors shall hold their respective offices until the first day of September, 1897, and shall consist of the following: F. F. Olney, of Providence, R. I.; W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and George L. Toppan, of Boston, Mass.; Joe F. Beard, of Muscatine, Iowa; H. B. Phillips, of San Francisco, Cal.; E. Doeblin, of Allegheny, Pa.; N. W. Chandler, of Collinsville, Ill.; and G. D. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 3d day of April, A. D. 1897.

ALBERT W. BATCHELDER,

E. M. CARPENTER,

Witnesses as to

W. C. VAN DERLIP, J. L. KILBON,
AND GEO. L. TOPPAN.

MAXIL D. ROBB,

SAM E. ROBB,

Witnesses as to

E. S. STEBBINS, W. R. YOUNG,
AND GEO. W. ACHARD,

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Minneapolis, Minn.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, } ss.

On this 5th day of May, A. D. 1897, personally appeared W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and Geo. L. Toppan, to me known to be the signers and sealers of the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

[Notarial Seal.]

JAMES A. LOWELL,
Notary Public, Suffolk County, Mass.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN, } ss.

On this 3d day of April, A. D. 1897, personally appeared E. S. Stebbins, W. R. Young, and Geo. W. Achard, to me known to be the persons who executed and signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

[Notarial Seal.]

MAXIL D. ROBB,
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.

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OFFICE OF FRANK C. METCALF, Register of Deeds.
County of Hennepin, Minnesota.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1897, at 1:45 o'clock p. m., and was duly recorded in Book 72, of Miscellaneous, pages 478, 479, 480.

By FRANK J. PETERSON, *Deputy*.

FRANK C. METCALF,
Register of Deeds.

Filed for record in this office June 30, A. D. 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m.

ALBERT BERG, *Secretary of State.*

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, Frank F. Olney, President, and Joe F. Beard, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the annual convention of this society, held in the city of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, on the 24th, 25th, and 26th days of August, 1897, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried, amending the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of June, 1897, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of this corporation shall be The American Philatelic Association. Its principal office shall be in the city of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of said corporation, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1897.

FRANK F. OLNEY,
President.

JOE F. BEARD,
Secretary.



Filed for record in this office December 31, A. D. 1897, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

ALBERT BERG,
Secretary of State.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

As Adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention, August 15, 16, 17, 1892, and
Amended at Subsequent Conventions, including Amendments Adopted
at the Twenty-first Annual Convention, August, 1906.

ARTICLE I.—*Capital Stock.*

SECTION 1. Every certificate of stock issued by this Association shall be for a single share only, and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions: That the holder thereof has agreed with the Association and has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Association in the manner provided by its By-laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock, or the certificate thereof, shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Association and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attested by the Secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be cancelled and filed by the Secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Association of the annual dues provided for by the By-laws, until the said stock and certificate is surrendered to the Association, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Association. That the Association has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Association and that no transfer thereof shall be permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Association; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Association that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-laws. That upon the expulsion of the holder, or his resignation, or the dropping of his name from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Association or any of its departments, his stock shall revert to the Association, and his certi-

cate become and remain null and void.

SEC. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Association, and shall be duly numbered and entered in the stock book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for a duplicate certificate in case of loss.

ARTICLE II.—*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Any person desiring to become a member of this Association shall file with its Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors, signed by one member of the Association, and, if the applicant is of legal age, accompanied by one or more commercial references, and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person obligating himself for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Association in case the applicant is admitted, such guarantor to furnish one or more commercial references. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of \$1.00, for one share of stock and the amount of dues for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending August 31, the whole to be refunded if admission is refused. The Secretary shall acknowledge the receipt of each application, stating the date when the applicant will become a member, provided no objections are received. The Secretary shall cause the name, age, occupation, and address of each applicant and the names of his references and bondsmen to be published in four consecutive issues of the Official Journal, and if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after the first publication the applicant shall become a member. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant

they shall notify the Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and may accept or reject the applicant in their discretion, and shall certify the result to the Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

SEC. 2. As it is important to the well-being and prosperity of this Association that all members thereof should be persons of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-laws from time to time. All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Association shall be addressed in writing, accompanied by affidavit of the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and report their findings thereon to the Board, who may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member and declare his stock forfeited to the Association, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Directors deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next convention of the Association, and such convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Directors.

SEC. 3. The annual dues shall be \$1.20, payable in advance on the first day of September, when the fiscal year shall commence; *provided*, that every new member for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after his admission to membership shall pay at the rate of ten cents per month, or fraction thereof, from the date of his application. Members paying dues by personal check shall add thereto ten cents for exchange.

No assessment other than the annual dues shall be levied except on recommendation of the Board of Directors, published in the call for an annual convention, special meeting, or mail vote, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the stockholders voting thereon; *provided*, that the number of affirmative votes shall be not less than one-third of the whole number of stockholders entitled to vote.

SEC. 4. In case any member fails to pay the annual dues or any indebtedness to the Association or any department thereof within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid within thirty days thereafter the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, by whom his name shall be stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Association, and his name shall be omitted from the Year Book. The Secretary shall notify the

Sales Superintendent to debar from the privileges of the department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls.

Any stockholder who has resigned in good standing, or any stockholder whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues or debts as aforesaid may be reinstated on payment of such debt and one dollar and twenty cents plus the amount of dues for the remainder of the current year, and his stock shall be re-issued to him, and he shall retain his original stock number. In case of minors a new guarantee shall be required, and in the case of members who have been suspended for more than one year new references shall be required.

All applications for reinstatement shall be published in the Official Journal and treated in the same manner as is provided for an ordinary application for membership.

SEC. 5. Any stockholder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Association. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockholder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Association. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

SEC. 6. No stockholder of the Association who has not attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to any office.

ARTICLE III.—*Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Association, to be designated as the Annual Convention, shall be held each year at such date and such place, within or without the state of Minnesota, as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the Official Journal of the proceedings of the convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting; but the President shall also issue a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of the convening thereof, to be published in the number of the Official Journal issued not less than sixty days prior to the holding of such convention.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the stockholders of this Association may be called by the Board of Directors, or by one hundred stockholders of this Association. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder, at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be published in the Official Journal, at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

SEC. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time, or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders upon any desired question. Notice that such call has been issued shall be given in the Official Journal, at least one month before the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents. The call and the form shall each state the time and place at which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Association as entitled to vote as a stockholder thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Board of Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the Official Journal. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted, but the By-laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. All stockholders of the Association who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Association shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any annual convention, at any special meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

SEC. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 6. No Director of this Association shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Association.

SEC. 7. At all meetings of the Association, all questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

SEC. 8. At all meetings of the Association, all reports of officers and committees and all resolutions must be presented in writing.

SEC. 9. At the annual convention, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:

- A Committee on Finance;
- A Committee on Library;
- A Committee on Sales Department;
- A Committee on Official Journal;
- A Committee on Branch Societies;
- A Committee on Resolutions;
- A Committee on Place of Next Convention; each to consist of three members.
- A Committee on By-laws, to consist of the President, who shall be chairman of the committee, and four other members.

The following shall be the order of business:

FIRST SESSION.

- I. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Call.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Reading of Minutes of last Convention.
5. President's Address.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Permanent Committees.
9. Communications.
10. Assigned Matters.
11. New Business.

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Call to Order.
2. Supplementary Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Communications.
4. Assigned Matters.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Reports of Special Committees.

SEC. 10. At all special meetings of the Association, the President shall appoint such of the foregoing committees as are necessary, and the foregoing Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

ARTICLE IV.—*Directors.*

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of this Association shall be designated as the Board of Directors, and shall consist of nine members, who shall all be citizens of the United States.

SEC. 2. Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Association, and shall hold his office until the close of the next annual convention, and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall be collectors and not dealers

by profession. And at least seven of their number shall be residents of different states. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of thirty miles, and in case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same state or locality as another candidate for Director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidate, even though he have a greater number of votes.

SEC. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, they shall choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the By-laws to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors may meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph, a sufficient time beforehand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. To expedite the transaction of business by the Board of Directors they may take mail votes upon any question in the following manner: Any member of the Board desiring to submit any matter for their action may reduce the same to writing in the form of a motion and shall mail a copy thereof upon a separate sheet of paper to each member of the Board. Any comments or observations he desires to make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon receipt of such motion each member shall write upon the same sheet of paper his vote for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall, in case any amendment shall be offered, forthwith mail, or cause to be mailed, a copy of the motion as amended to each member of the Board, who shall return the same by return mail, with his vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion. The President shall, upon receiving the ballots of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result, accompanying the certificate with the original ballots. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association and all its officers; may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-laws; may require special reports from any officer from

time to time; may remove any officer appointed by them, as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Association, as provided by law.

ARTICLE V.—*Duties of Directors.*

SECTION 1. *President.*—The President, in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Association, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on the Treasurer for moneys expended by the Association, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes, and other obligations entered into by the Association. Prior to each annual convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III, Section 1; shall appoint a committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such committee in the performance of their duties to be defrayed from the general fund of the Association. At each annual convention he shall address the Association on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

SEC. 2. *Vice-Presidents.*—The three Directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of their number to act as chairman of the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death, or disability of the President. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall decide all questions arising as to the admission of applicants for membership, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and shall investigate all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II, Sections 2, 4, and 5, and all disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Association, as provided in Article II, Section 2. They shall approve the form of ballot to be used at all elections and prepare an authorized form of proxy to be used at all conventions.

The Board of Vice-Presidents from time to time, and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the President for publication in the Official Journal, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the annual convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondence, which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams, and registry fees shall be certified by the chairman, and be paid from the general fund.

They shall elect one of their number to act as clerk, who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

SEC. 3. *Secretary*.—The Secretary, in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all documents, have custody of the corporate seal of the Association, seal all documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper books of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates, membership cards, and receipts, countersign, register, and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall, under the supervision of the President, edit the official matter published in the Official Journal; *provided*, that if there shall be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, said matter shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the Official Journal, and conduct all correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnish a copy of the Charter and By-laws and the list of members of the Association to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement, etc., as provided in Article II, Sections 4 and 5, and perform all such other duties as are incident to his office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each annual convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Board of Directors, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Association, required by law to be made by the Directors. He shall cause to be published in each number of the Official Journal, in addition to the list of applicants, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Association, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the convention, and \$5.00 per day during the session.

SEC. 4. *Treasurer*.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property, and securities of the Association. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursements, showing balance of cash on hand, to the Secretary, who shall publish it in the Official Journal. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and Secretary, and

shall present to the annual convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers, his books of account, a cashier's certificate of the amount of money on deposit at the date of such statement, and any and all such other papers and instruments as may be requisite for a complete auditing of his books and accounts. He shall deposit all moneys in some bank, to be designated by the Board of Directors to the account of the Association, and shall give bond to the Association in the sum of not less than \$3,000, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Association, of some surety company to be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery, and printing, and in addition thereto the sum of \$25.00 per year, which shall be in full for all other incidental expenses.

SEC. 5. *International Secretary*.—The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Association or the Board of Directors, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall, whenever called on to do so, assist the Secretary or any other officer of the Association, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Association and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties. He shall present to the Annual Convention a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* the changes in membership so long as this Association continues interested in its publication. He shall, so far as possible, report to the Board of Vice-Presidents any publication in foreign journals of items affecting the welfare of this Association or its individual members.

SEC. 6. In case of death or resignation of any member of the Board of Directors the Board shall fill the vacancy. Any vacancy caused by the removal of a Director shall be filled by election, as provided by the statutes of the state of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI.—*Elections*.

SEC. 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for that election. At all such

elections a plurality of votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV, Section 2, in regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the committee.

SEC. 2. The polls for the annual election shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the Annual Convention, and at all special elections at such time as shall be named in the call for the election.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote at least sixty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the ballot shall be designated in all published notices of the election.

SEC. 4. The special elections to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, provided for by the statutes of the state of Minnesota, in case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted as far as possible in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Association.

SEC. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections, but shall be called by the President, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote, and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelopes for enclosing the same, and shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee on Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

SEC. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be filled may be sent by any member of the Association to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the Official Journal nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

SEC. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

ARTICLE VII.—*Officers and Standing Committees.*

SEC. 1. In addition to the nine Directors, the officers of the Association shall be:

A Sales Superintendent;
An Examiner of Sales Books;
An Attorney;
A Librarian;
And Assistant Librarian, and
A Counterfeit Detector.

SEC. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Permanent Committees:

A Special Library Committee;
An Expert Committee;
A Committee on Philatelic Literature;
A Committee on Philatelic Index;
A Recruiting Committee, and
An Obituary Committee.

SEC. 3. All of the officers and Permanent Committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Association, when called upon to do so. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer or standing committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. *Sales Superintendent.*—

(a). The Sales Superintendent shall conduct the Sales Department in accordance with the provisions of this section and of the sections of Article VIII of these By-laws.

(b). He shall give bond to the Association in the sum of \$10,000, for the strict and faithful performance of his duties and proper rendering of true accounts for all moneys, stamps, or other property received by him, whether for the Association or individual owners; and until he has notice from the Secretary of the Association that the bond tendered by him, within a reasonable time after his appointment, has been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors, he shall not ask or advertise for, or receive from the preceding Superintendent or from individual mem-

bers, any stamps or other philatelic property for his department.

(c). The Sales Superintendent shall on the first days of October, January, and April, respectively, make to the Board of Vice-Presidents a quarterly report of the affairs of his department, including a full and accurate balance sheet or such book-keeping entries as shall satisfy said Board, taken from his books upon the last day of the preceding month; and not less than twenty nor more than thirty days prior to the opening day of the Annual Convention he shall make to said Board an annual report, covering the transactions of the department for the past year, and including similar balance sheet or entries. Said reports shall be audited by said Board, who may at any time make or cause to be made by themselves, or a committee, or agent appointed by them, such examination as they may deem expedient of said Sales Superintendent's books and accounts and of the affairs of his department, and shall cause such an examination to be made in connection with the auditing of the annual report, and shall submit said annual report with the report of such examination and their recommendations on said report and examination to the Annual Convention. The approval of the Sales Superintendent's reports by the said Board shall not be construed as an admission by the Association of the accuracy of said reports or as a release by the Association of either said Superintendent or the surety on his official bond from liability to the Association or any member thereof for any breach of duty on his part.

(d). The Board of Vice-Presidents may for cause suspend the Sales Superintendent and require him to deliver and turn over all accounts, books, and other property of said department, together with all stamps then in possession of said department, to them or to such person as they may designate as Sales Superintendent *pro tempore*, who shall exercise all powers of Sales Superintendent until the Board of Directors shall take further action in the matter.

(e). The Association shall provide account books for the Sales Superintendent, such account books and the correspondence of the department shall be and remain the property of the Association, and shall at all times be open to the examination of the Board of Vice-Presidents and their representatives duly authorized. Except for the purchase of such books the Sales Superintendent shall pay all expenses of the department.

(f). Upon retiring from office the Sales Superintendent shall turn over to his successor all stamps in his hands as such Superintendent, together with all books of

account, official correspondence, papers, instruments, moneys, and evidences of indebtedness belonging to the department, and the business of the department shall thereafter be conducted by the new Sales Superintendent. All sums due the department shall be collected by the new Sales Superintendent, who shall pay therefrom to his predecessor such commissions as the latter may have earned thereon, also the requisite payments to the Insurance Fund, and all balances due from the department to members at the time of his assuming the office. Upon a change of Superintendent the Board of Vice-Presidents shall give notice to all parties interested, by publication in the Official Journal, calling on them to file with the Board a statement of their claims against the department within thirty days, so that the outgoing Superintendent's accounts may be properly audited and he be given an honorable release. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall also cause an examination to be made of his books and accounts, and upon the expiration of the period of thirty days from publication of the above prescribed notice shall send to each member who has not filed accounts and whose name appears on the Superintendent's books a statement of his account, and in default of acknowledgement within thirty days thereafter, such account shall be deemed correct.

(g). The Sales Superintendent shall assess a charge of one per cent. upon the net cash value of all books of stamps sent him for circulation in the department, immediately upon their arriving in his hands, with a minimum charge of ten cents per book, and shall remit on retirement of such books the sum so assessed to the Treasurer of the Association, who shall keep it in a special account, known as the Insurance Fund. The Superintendent shall receive all claims for payment desired by owners out of the Insurance Fund, for whatever cause, and shall submit the facts and papers of every case to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who, if they approve, shall certify the case to the Secretary of the Association, who shall thereupon draw a warrant upon the Treasurer against the Insurance Fund, in the regular manner pursued for payments from other funds. If at any time the Insurance Fund becomes insufficient to meet any such warrant so drawn against it, the sum shall be paid the owner out of the General Fund of the Association, and shall subsequently be transferred to that fund from the Insurance Fund, so soon as the assessments duly collected shall suffice.

(h). The Superintendent shall submit to the Examiner of Sales Books all books sent in for circulation, remove from books sent him for circulation all stamps

which are clearly and obviously counterfeits or non-governmental reprints, and return all stamps removed by him or by the Examiner of Sales Books, as provided in the next section, at once to the owner of the book from which they came, stating the price at which they were marked, and the value to which the book has been reduced by their removal; and he shall place the words "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials, in the space thus left vacant.

(i). The Superintendent shall furnish to members of the Association control stamps, and at a cost not exceeding five cents each, books for holding stamps to be circulated in his department, of such form as may be approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; *provided*, that they be printed on one side of the leaf only, contain spaces for ten ordinary adhesive stamps on a page, have successive numerals not less than an inch in height on the reverse or unused side of each leaf, and contain no advertisements, save of the Association or its Sales Department.

(j). He may refuse to circulate any stamps not mounted in the books so provided by him, or books containing an excessive amount of display, notes, or remarks by the owner; or any books for any reason previously approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; and he may decline to send stamps to a foreign country when it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Vice-Presidents that customs, laws or other conditions make it impracticable for the department to do business in such country.

(k). When all the preceding duties shall have been satisfactorily performed, as occasion demands, or no charge or notice to the contrary be in the hands of the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Superintendent shall be allowed to retain for himself a commission of ten per cent. out of the amounts remitted to the selling owners upon the sales then settled for, made through the regular circuits of the department, and already paid for by cash to him, not including settlements out of the Insurance Fund for theft or other losses of all or any part of a circuit. He shall also receive a salary of \$25.00 per annum.

SEC. 5. *Examiner of Sales Books.*—The Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc., that may be sent to the Sales Superintendent before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

He shall remove from all books all stamps which he considers counterfeit or reprint, with the exception of reprints sold by the governments originally issuing the stamps they represent and receivable

for postage at the time of their sale by that government, and return them to the Sales Superintendent, together with the number of the book from which they came, the name of the owner of such book, and the price at which they were marked; and shall place the words "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials, in the space thus left vacant.

SEC. 6. *Attorney.*—The Attorney shall endeavor to collect and settle any claims that may be sent him by members of this Association against any person whatsoever, or to recover any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Board of Directors, to see that proper steps are taken and the proper authorities notified to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of or dealer in forged stamps, etc.

He may charge for his services all actual disbursements for postage, stationery, etc., and ten per cent. of all amounts recovered; *provided*, that in case of collections made for the Association he shall charge only actual disbursements without commission.

SEC. 7. *Librarian.*—The Librarian shall keep a list of all works, etc., in his possession, and a record of the same.

SEC. 8. *Assistant Librarian.*—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve and properly care for the records of the Association as received from retiring officers or boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Association of printed matter, and attend to binding the same, and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

SEC. 9. *Special Library Committee.*—This committee, upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library, shall advise the member of the cost of carriage, upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. They shall also keep a record of all books passing through their hands.

SEC. 10. *Counterfeit Detector.*—The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging therefor five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted at one time, but if less than five stamps are submitted at one time the charge shall be twenty-five cents. Postage or expenses of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by owners.

He shall not be required to pass upon the genuineness of any surcharge or stamps which can be plated. He shall also have the right to refuse to pass on such

stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee.

SEC. 11. *Expert Committee*.—It shall be the duty of this committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question and to be signed by all members of the committee. For the examination of each stamp the committee shall receive the sum of \$1.00. This amount must accompany each stamp so submitted.

SEC. 12. *Committee on Philatelic Literature*.—It shall be the duty of this committee to report, through the columns of the Official Journal, upon all new catalogues, handbooks, manuals, and papers that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their annual report for publication in the Year Book, and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for.

SEC. 13. *Committee on Philatelic Index*.—It shall be the duty of this committee to compile and prepare for publication an index of philatelic literature.

SEC. 14. *Recruiting Committee*.—The Recruiting Committee shall prepare and disseminate literature calculated to impress upon the philatelic public the many advantages to be derived from affiliation with the Association. They shall also investigate the standing of applicants upon the request of any officer of the Association.

SEC. 15. *Obituary Committee*.—It shall be the duty of this committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the Official Journal from time to time, and to bring them together in their annual report in the form of a summary for publication in the Year Book of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. Every member of the Association whose dues are paid for the current year is entitled to participate in the privileges of the Sales Department until he becomes a debtor of the Association or any of its departments of more than two weeks standing, or is suspended by the Board of Vice-Presidents in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, of these By-laws, or has been dropped from circuit lists by the Sales Superintendent for non-payment of fines, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

SEC. 2. A member who desires to be placed on circuit lists must make applica-

tion to the Sales Superintendent, stating his wish, and he will be irrevocably taken thereby to promise and pledge himself to abide for so long as he participates by all the rules for the conduct of this department now contained in these By-laws in this Article or Article VII, Section 4, or elsewhere, and any which may hereafter be made, by amendment to these By-laws, or by the Superintendent for matters properly within his discretion. Every member who receives books on circuit agrees to give a written receipt for them to the preceding member from whom they are received, and to take a like written receipt from the member next on circuit to whom he delivers them; to pay a fine of ten cents per day for each day a circuit is kept by him over three days, not counting Sundays or legal holidays, which fines shall be collected by the Superintendent and paid over by him to the Treasurer for the Insurance Fund; to account for every space from which he removes stamps by placing therein an adhesive control stamp furnished by the Superintendent, and properly canceled, or by writing his full name in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed, or by placing therein any other mark previously approved in writing by the Superintendent; and immediately upon forwarding a circuit to send to the Superintendent a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps taken from each book, together with a remittance for the exact value of all the stamps reported upon each time, regardless of whether or not he, as an owner, has at the same time stamps circulating in the department, or any other consideration of debt due or claimed by him from the Association. Every member agrees by his participation in the department to pay the Association the full priced value of any circuit traced to him, for which he can show no written receipt from any other member; and the value of any stamps found by the Superintendent to be missing from books which have passed through the hands of said member, either by reason of the disappearance of any stamp from a space not accounted for, or the loss of an entire page out of a book, or several pages, if he has not immediately upon receipt of the damaged book notified the member preceding him on circuit, and adjusted the matter with him. The Superintendent shall suspend from participation in the department any member for non-payment of fines, or failure to make reports promptly, or to accompany them with the requisite remittances, or upon notification from the Treasurer that said member has been a debtor to the Association for more than two weeks, or at the request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, and any member so suspended shall be restored to the privileges of participation

again only by a vote of the Board of Vice-Presidents, certified to the Superintendent in writing before being acted on by him.

SEC. 3. A member who desires to circulate stamps in the department must send them to the Superintendent mounted in proper books furnished for the purpose, with his name on the cover, the price visible near each specimen, and the total value of the book in the place provided on its cover. Counterfeits, non-governmental reprints, bulky entries, and books excessively written in will not be circulated, and the Superintendent may further refuse circulation in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 4, of these By-laws. Every owner participating agrees to make cash remittances for any stamps he may buy, during the time his stamps are in the department, exactly like any other purchasing member of the Association, and to submit to the assessments for the Insurance Fund and Superintendent's commission, when made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws. Claims for losses shall be made to the Superintendent, and payment accepted by warrant on the Treasurer, as provided in Article VII, Section 4, of these By-laws. Claims for payment for substituted stamps shall always be accompanied by the stamps found in the books in place of those lost, and such stamps shall become the property of the Association, to be sold for the benefit of the Insurance Fund upon payment of the claim made by the owner.

ARTICLE IX.—*Official Journal.*

SECTION 1. The Official Journal of the Association for the ensuing year shall be selected at each annual convention of the Association.

The Official Journal shall be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publishers such a sum for each member as may be agreed upon at each Annual Convention, this amount to come from the general fund.

The publishers shall pay postage on all copies mailed to members in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

ARTICLE X.—*Annual Publication.*

SECTION 1. The *American Philatelist* shall be published annually in November, and shall contain a copy of the Charter and the By-laws as last amended, a list of all active members, arranged alphabetically and by residence, a full report of the last Annual Convention, the rules of all departments which may not be included in the general By-laws, a list of all branch societies and affiliated societies, a list of the names and addresses of all officers of the Association, and of the publishers of

the Official Journal. The *American Philatelist* shall be edited by the Secretary and approved by the President before publication. One copy shall be mailed free to each member of the Association, ten copies to each Director, if he shall so request, ten copies to the Assistant Librarian, and one copy each to such librarian or other institution as may be approved of by the Board of Directors. Copies to the public or extra copies for members will be sold by the Secretary at 25 cents per copy, and the proceeds turned into the treasury. All copies on hand after one year from date of issue shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian. The expense of publishing it shall be paid from the General Fund.

The Secretary, immediately after the convention, shall advertise in the Official Journal for bids for the printing of the *American Philatelist*, and the contract shall be awarded by the Board of Directors, who may at their discretion reject any or all bids.

ARTICLE XI.—*Branch Societies.*

SECTION 1. Whenever five or more stockholders resident in the same locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same state, shall notify the Board of Directors that they have associated themselves together as a branch society, adopted a name and rules for their government, and shall have submitted a copy of their rules and list of members to the Board of Directors, the Board, if satisfied that the formation of such branch would be advantageous to the Association, and that said rules are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-laws of the Association, shall issue a charter or certificate under the seal of the corporation, to said stockholders that they have become a Branch or State Society, as the case may be. Such local and state branches shall be numbered in regular order in separate series, and each society shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it; *provided*, that the name of a state branch shall include the name of the state for which it is chartered. Any existing local society having the requisite number of stockholders among its members may become a branch society upon the same conditions.

SEC. 2. Branch societies so organized shall admit to membership only persons who are stockholders of the Association or who shall have made application for admission as such.

The Presidents of branch societies shall make to the Board of Directors, from time to time, and to each Annual Convention, suggestions as to any matters that they

may consider advisable for official consideration.

SEC. 3. Any branch society so organized may from time to time, if it so elect, subscribe for, acquire, and hold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Association, and may vote the same by proxy, duly instructed.

ARTICLE XII.—*Property.*

SECTION 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession belonging to the Association, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or obligations until this requirement be complied with.

SEC. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Board of Directors shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian for safe keeping after two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Assistant Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written

request of the Board in which they originated.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Amendments.*

SECTION 1. The By-laws of this Association may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendment; *provided*, that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Association entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, at any special meeting, or by a general vote, as provided for in Article III, Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the By-laws shall be final, if such proposed amendments shall have been published in the Official Journal at least thirty days prior to the date of such convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-laws adopted by any convention or special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or By-laws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III, Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the Official Journal.





TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

American Philatelic Association.

Pursuant to the following call, the Twenty-first Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was held at the Bellevue, Boston, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 14, 15 and 16, 1906:

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., May 21, 1906.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

The Twenty-first Annual Convention of this Association for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such business as may legally be brought before it, will be convened in the City of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, upon Tuesday, the fourteenth day of August, 1906, and upon the succeeding days, until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as the Committee on Credentials: Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, Ill., Chairman; Mr. E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minnesota; Mr. F. H. Burt, of Boston, Massachusetts; Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, New Jersey, and Mr. John W. Prevost, of Springfield, Mass.

I have also appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee of Arrangements: Mr. A. W. Batchelder, Chairman; Mr. C. A. Howes, Mr. E. de Z Kelley, Mr. W. O. Wylie and Mr J. M. Bartels, all of Boston, Massachusetts.

Due notice will be given through the Official Journal of the location of the Convention Hall and the hour for assembling of the convention.

W. C. STONE, *President*.

There were in attendance 87 members, 5 applicants for membership, and 63 guests, as follows:

STOCKHOLDERS.

J. K. Adenaw, of New York.	D. T. Eaton, of Iowa.
W. L. Aldrich, of Massachusetts.	H. H. Elliott, of Massachusetts.
W. G. Bail, of Massachusetts.	C. H. Fowle, of Massachusetts.
W. H. Barnum, of Ohio.	H. A. Fowler, of Illinois.
J. D. Bartlett, of Massachusetts.	W. S. Fuller, of Massachusetts.
A. W. Batchelder, of Massachusetts.	G. L. Gilmore, of Massachusetts.
V. M. Berthold, of Massachusetts.	B. G. Green, of Illinois.
Frank Bescher, of Missouri.	L. L. Green, of Massachusetts.
C. W. Brown, of Massachusetts.	R. L. Harper, of Massachusetts.
F. H. Burt, of Massachusetts.	F. G. Hillman, of Massachusetts.
E. M. Carpenter, of Massachusetts.	S. B. Hopkins, of Missouri.
N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.	C. A. Howes, of Massachusetts.
H. A. Chapman, of Connecticut.	J. M. Hunnewell, of Massachusetts.
N. Cobe, of Massachusetts.	F. Hutchins, of Massachusetts.
W. E. Coburn, of Massachusetts.	W. W. Jewett, of Maine.
W. H. Colson, of Massachusetts.	C. C. Johnson, of Wisconsin.
F. S. Cook, of Massachusetts.	E. de Z. Kelley, of Massachusetts.
F. R. Cornwall, of Missouri.	E. G. Kingsbury, of Massachusetts.
H. F. Cutler, of Massachusetts.	F. B. Kirby, of Massachusetts.
H. E. Deats, of New Jersey.	J. A. Klemann, of New York.
E. Doebelin, of Pennsylvania.	H. W. Legg, of Massachusetts.
B. L. Drew, of Massachusetts.	M. H. Lombard, of Massachusetts.
A. W. Dunning, of Massachusetts.	C. H. Lewis, of Maine.

G. H. Loring, of Massachusetts.
 W. F. van Malder, of Massachusetts.
 F. M. Mason, of Rhode Island.
 F. N. Massoth, of Illinois.
 Fred Michael, of Illinois.
 S. E. Moissant, Illinois.
 H. N. Mudge, of Illinois.
 C. K. B. Nevin, of Massachusetts.
 W. W. Norton, of Connecticut.
 C. S. Osgood, of Massachusetts.
 G. W. Pepper, of Rhode Island.
 E. T. Parker, of Pennsylvania.
 J. W. Prevost, of Massachusetts.
 H. W. Pettibone, of Minnesota.
 Miss E. C. Pierce, of Massachusetts.
 F. D. Pollard, of Vermont.
 J. S. Rich, of New York.
 E. M. Rosenthal, of Illinois.
 C. F. Rothfuchs, of Massachusetts.
 Isaiah Rudy, of Pennsylvania.
 E. F. Sawyer, of Massachusetts.

C. E. Sebbens, of Massachusetts.
 C. E. Severn, of Illinois.
 W. A. Smith, of Pennsylvania.
 J. A. Solomon, of Rhode Island.
 E. S. Stebbins, of Minnesota.
 Chas. Steigerwalt, of Pennsylvania.
 C. H. Stone, of Massachusetts.
 W. C. Stone, of Massachusetts.
 W. H. Suydam, of New York.
 W. G. Swart, of Colorado.
 T. E. Tanguay, of Rhode Island.
 H. Wolff, of Massachusetts.
 C. W. Weyhe, of Massachusetts.
 R. Williams, of Massachusetts.
 J. C. Wooley, of Massachusetts.
 C. P. Wagner, of Michigan.
 E. G. Ward, of Massachusetts.
 P. M. Wolsieffer, of Illinois.
 W. O. Wylie, of Massachusetts.
 M. W. White, of Massachusetts.

• APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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 C. F. W. Moser, of Virginia.

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 F. E. Smith, of Massachusetts.
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 Miss Helen Stone, of Massachusetts.
 Miss Emily E. Stone, of Massachusetts.
 Mrs. C. W. Weyhe, of Massachusetts.
 Miss Wolff, of Massachusetts.
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 Mrs. J. C. Wooley, of Massachusetts.
 Mrs. E. G. Ward, of Massachusetts.
 Mrs. W. O. Wylie, of Massachusetts.
 Miss Mildred Wylie, of Massachusetts.
 Mrs. Marcus White, of Massachusetts.

The visiting members and their friends were entertained by the Boston Philatelic Society, which tendered to their visitors a reception at the Bellevue, on Monday evening, August 13, at 8 p. m., in connection with a special meeting of the society and an exhibit of rare stamps.

On Tuesday afternoon a baseball game between picked nines from the Boston Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Association was played at Franklin Field, resulting in a victory for Boston, 18 to 13. The full score was as follows:

BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.				ALL-AMERICA.			
	B. H.	R.	E.		B. H.	R.	E.
Dennett, p.	1	2	2	Solomon, p.	2	2	3
Cobe, c.*	2	2	2	Severn, c.*	1	3	3
Wylie, 1b.	0	2	1	Doebelin, 1b.*	0	1	2
Kingsbury, 2b.	3	3	1	Wolsieffer, 2b.	1	0	0
Lewis, 3b.	2	2	3	Johnson, 3b.	0	1	0
Phillips, ss.	0	1	2	Elliott, ss.	0	1	3
Bail, lf.	0	2	2	Pepper, lf.	2	1	1
Undooley, cf.*	0	1	1	Fowler, cf.	1	2	1
Batchelder, rf.	3	3	0	Mintz, rf.	0	2	1
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Total	11	18	14	Total	7	13	14

The score by innings—

	1	2	3	4	5	Ttl.
Boston	12	0	3	2	1	18
All-America	0	4	0	3	6	13

Umpire—C. S. Stone. Scorer—"Foxy Grandpa" Sawyer.

*Alleged by the scorer to have been in these places, but some doubts as to the accuracy of his observation have been raised by reliable witnesses.

A trip to Wonderland at Revere Beach occupied the evening of Tuesday, with the various diversions of shooting the chutes, trips on the scenic railway, fish dinners, and other amusements.

The afternoon of Wednesday was delightfully spent in a harbor trip, for which one of the city's boats was tendered by his honor, Mayor John F. Fitzgerald. The afternoon was perfect for the enjoyment of the beautiful scenery of the harbor and the boat proceeded below Boston Light and some distance out into the bay below Point Allerton. On the return, by the courteous permission of the commandant of Fort Warren, approved by the Secretary of War, a landing was made at the fort and opportunity afforded the members and guests to visit and examine the batteries, casemates, magazines and other portions of this, the strongest and most historic of the fortifications of Boston Harbor. The return to the city was made in the early evening.

On Thursday, upon the final adjournment of the convention, the famous "Paul Revere trolley trip" was taken, covering the route followed by the Revolutionary hero, in his ride through Lexington toward Concord. At Concord opportunity was given to visit the battleground and the places associated with the famous literary characters who have made the beautiful old town famous. Dinner was served at the Colonial Inn.

The final trip of the week was to Plymouth, the birthplace of American history, whither the party went by steamer on Friday morning. Dinner was served at Hotel Pilgrim, the historic places visited, and the return to Boston made by train.

The arrangements for the entertainment of the convention were in the hands of the following special committee of the Boston Philatelic Society:

A. W. Batchelder, Chairman; C. F. Rothfuchs, Vice-Chairman; E. de Z. Kelley, Secretary; L. L. Green, Treasurer; C. A. Howes, J. M. Bartels, F. H. Burt, F. P. Brown, E. M. Carpenter, W. E. Coburn, B. L. Drew, H. A. Kidder, Nathan Cobe, M. H. Lombard, H. W. Legg, F. Apthorp Foster, G. F. Loring, J. H. Lyons, W. C. Stone, Franklin E. Smith, V. M. Berthold and W. O. Wylie.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

MONDAY, August 13, 1906.

The society met in the hall of the Bellevue at 8 p. m., President Howes in the chair. The secretary read the call for the meeting, as follows:

Boston, July 30, 1906.

There will be a special meeting of the society on Monday evening, August 13th, at 8 p. m., in parlor of Hotel Bellevue, Beacon Street, Boston, for the purpose of a reception to the delegates to the Convention of the American Philatelic Association, as per official program previously printed in the *Weekly*.

Please make extraordinary effort to be present and assist in welcoming our guests.

By the President,

EDW. DE Z. KELLEY, *Secretary*.

PRESIDENT HOWES: You have heard the call for the meeting, gentlemen, and I now declare it open. Inasmuch as this is a special meeting with no special business on hand except the entertainment of our guests, I will turn it over to the chairman of the General Committee, who has the program for the entertainment in his charge—Mr. Batchelder.

MR. A. W. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I had expected that the president was going to say a word or two of welcome, and as he has not, why, I will say we are glad you are here and we will try and show you before the week is out that when we extended an invitation for you to come to Boston and said there would be something doing all the time, we meant what we said. We hope that when you go away you will say that Boston is "it" and that this has been the banner convention. We know now that it will be the banner convention in numbers.

Before turning this reception over to the chairman of the Reception Committee, who has entire charge of it, I will say just one word about the program. You have all perhaps read in a general way what the program was in the paper. When I say "in the paper," I mean, of course, in the paper, *McKeel's Weekly*. (Laughter.) I will say nothing about this reception to-night, leaving that to Mr. Rothfuchs, the chairman of the Reception Committee.

Our program, beginning to-morrow, is as follows: To-morrow morning the convention opens at nine o'clock. I suppose that the president ought to have had a chance to say that, but to-morrow morning the convention opens at nine o'clock, and we hope that everybody, meaning all the ladies as well as gentlemen, members of the B. P. S. as well as of the A. P. A., will try and attend the session, because at twelve o'clock we are going to have the official photograph taken on the State House steps and you will look real well in your photograph on the State House steps. For the afternoon there is to be a thrilling contest between the crack nine of the B. P. S. and a picked nine of the A. P. A. from all over the United States. The betting at the present time is just even. I don't know what the odds will be after the first inning. In the evening we go to Wonderland, and when I say "we", I mean all the members of the B. P. S. who choose to turn out and all the members of the A. P. A. who can be induced to turn out.

On Wednesday, of course, the forenoon is set apart for the business of the convention, as is the case on Thursday, and so long as the president of the convention does not interfere with our plans he will be allowed to do about as he pleases. Wednesday afternoon the city of Boston has tendered us a trip down the harbor. Announcements will be made in the convention of the hours when we shall start for these various trips.

A special excursion has been arranged for Thursday afternoon to Concord and Lexington. We go over the Paul Revere route, that taken by him on his famous ride to Lexington and Concord. We stop in Concord about three hours, giving you a chance to see all the points of interest—and there are many. There we have dinner and from there we go to Norumbega Park and get home some time in the late hours of the evening.

On Friday there has been planned an ocean trip to Plymouth. We leave Boston, I think, at ten o'clock, reach Plymouth about noon, have dinner, spend the afternoon, and come home by rail, arriving at Boston in the early evening.

You will notice that that covers all of the time, but on Wednesday forenoon and Thursday forenoon while the convention is in session we have arranged for special side trips for the ladies wherever they choose to go, and probably to-morrow forenoon they will have a chance to get together and decide where they want to go. They can go to

Harvard or to Bunker Hill; an excursion will be arranged to go around the city, to the State House, the Old State House, the Old North Church, the Old South Church and all the other points of interest in this vicinity. It is simply for the ladies to say where they would like to go.

That comprises the program as far as it can be laid down at this time.

This affair this evening, is in charge of the Reception Committee, and I now have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Rothfuchs, the chairman of that committee. (Applause.)

MR. CHARLES F. ROTHFUCHS: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: Our meeting, this evening, the evening before the Twenty-first Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association, is for the purpose of receiving the delegates and of giving the members of our National Association, the members of our local society and our lady and gentlemen friends an opportunity of becoming acquainted and of renewing their acquaintanceship, so that when we meet in convention to-morrow we may say that it is an annual meeting of our Philatelic friends. At the convention two of the most important features are, first, the business meetings, and secondly, the social features. At the business meetings there will be no exchange or selling of stamps, no stamp bourse and no stamp auction, and therefore we may not expect to add any treasures to our collections of stamps. The second of the important features, the social features, or the entertainment, has been outlined by the chairman of the Executive Committee. On these social occasions every one participating has a chance to be heard, and I hope that every one will have a jolly good time; and when the convention week is over I hope that you will carry with you pleasant recollections of the enjoyment you have had during your stay in Boston, and also that you will carry an increased list to be added to your list of Philatelic friends. For the past two years the Boston Philatelic Society has invited our National Society to hold its convention in Boston. I am glad to say that the gentleman who sent the invitation of the local society, which in both instances was by unanimous vote, is with us this evening, and I am also pleased to say that he is the standard-bearer of our local society. It gives me great pleasure, ladies and gentlemen, to introduce to you Mr. C. A. Howes, President of the Boston Philatelic Society. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT C. A. HOWES: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am sure Mr. Batchelder was mistaken when he thought I was not going to give a welcome. I had something more coming later, but I wanted Mr. Batchelder to get through talking first. (Laughter.)

I am exceedingly happy to welcome such a large gathering here to-night at your Twenty-first Annual Convention, or rather in preparation for that, and at this special meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. Your Association has met in Boston twice before in its history. It held its Third Annual Convention here in 1888; it also held the Twelfth in 1897, and now the Twenty-first in 1906. You have made intervals of nine years between your visits so far. I hope it may not be nine years before you come to see us again.

I am also particularly glad to welcome you all here because I have a chance to welcome so many ladies. It is not often that the president of the Boston Society has an opportunity to welcome the ladies to one of its meetings. It is very seldom. But of course on an occasion like this, when you have come a long distance to this convention, you naturally bring your wives and some of you your children, and we are most happy to see them here and we hope we shall succeed in keeping them entertained while you are doing the hard part of the business. I have heard it said by two or three that their wives were not particularly interested in the subject matter of the convention; in fact, that there was a little bit of difficulty sometimes at home when the stamps were brought out, and also when the stamps were brought home that had just been purchased. (Laughter.) But I think the most of our members and the members of the American Association are fortunate in having helpmeets who are also interested in their hobby. Not only their wives but I think some of the sweethearts are interested in the subject to some extent, and I am very glad it is so.

MR. BATCHELDER: You speak by the card.

PRESIDENT HOWES: Then the children, too, I know some of them are interested and I am very glad you can bring at least part of them with you. The sessions of the convention, of course, the Boston Society will have nothing to do with as a society officially. We have invited you to hold your sessions here and we shall try to make everything as pleasant as possible for you while you are here. Therefore, I want to express on the part of the Boston Philatelic Society a most hearty welcome to each and every one of you from wherever you have come. I hope that sessions of the convention may be fruitful, that your stay may be wholly and entirely pleasant, your return journey safe, and that your memories will be such that you will wish to come again. (Applause.)

MR. ROTHFUCHS: Ladies and Gentlemen, we have another president in our meeting whom we would like to hear a word from, and I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr. W. C. Stone, of Springfield, President of the American Philatelic Association. (Applause.)

MR. WILLIAM C. STONE: Mr. President—Mr. Chairman and friends: I am in a somewhat awkward situation. In addition to being president of the American Philatelic Association I am also a member of the B. P. S., so in returning thanks for the cordial greeting I am, so to speak, thanking myself. But I will ignore temporarily the fact that I belong to the local society and paraphrasing the words of Mr. Batchelder I will say, we are glad to be here. Philatelists are always glad to come to Boston. Boston is, of course, the hub of stamp collecting as well as other things. Somehow or other we always seem to have a good time in Boston. We have such an awfully good time that it takes us nine years to get over it and get ready to come again. (Laughter.) So you see Boston treats us pretty well. And after the exhaustive—and I hope it will not prove exhausting—program which Mr. Batchelder has outlined to us, it may possibly be nine years or more before we can recover so as to come again. But I noticed that Mr. Rothfuchs said, "We will be glad to hear *a word* from Mr. Stone." You will get enough of my talk before the week is over, so I will simply say, we thank you for your greeting and I hope all the members will have a good time. (Applause.)

MR. ROTHFUCHS: Mr. President, there is an old saying, and a very true saying at that, that it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good. I am glad to see amongst our visitors and delegates this evening quite a few from the Windy City, and I am sure that the Philatelic breezes which have been blowing from Chicago to different sections of the United States have kindled the Philatelic flame in many a collector who had ceased to collect but who has started again owing to the fanning of the old flame into activity. We would like to hear a word from Mr. H. N. Mudge, President of the Chicago Philatelic Society. (Applause.)

MR. BATCHELDER: One of the fans.

MR. H. N. MUDGE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, Ladies: I am somewhat reminded on being called upon thus unexpectedly of something that I read sometime ago which, being in print, was of course true. It was said that in the United States Senate on one occasion, after the Chaplain had closed the morning exercises by repeating the Lord's Prayer, the senator from Missouri leaned over and said to the senator from Louisiana, "He stole that prayer, and I will bet on it. I heard them same sentiments expressed at a funeral down in Arkansas ten years ago." (Laughter.) I feel somewhat in that same predicament, for those who have gone before me have covered the ground so thoroughly as to the feeling that we have at the hearty welcome which has been extended us, that I would simply be stealing their sentiments to add anything, except that I might add that in a measure representing Chicago—you understand I am not the dean, by any means of the Chicago contingent, but they have a way sometimes of asking me to help them out, and I know that they would like to have me assure you of their cordial feeling and appreciation of all that is in store for them and to say that we sincerely trust that you all will enjoy us as much as I am sure we shall enjoy you. (Applause.)

MR. ROTHFUCHS: Mr. President, we have quite an extensive program to carry out in the form of some stamp exhibits, which will be shown after the reception, and while

I would like to call on quite a number of the gentlemen present to respond, yet the time would not allow it. But most of you have read of Undooley in the papers, and I am glad to say that he is one of our resident members of the local society, also one of our new members of the American Philatelic Association, who makes a study not only of stamps but of stamp collectors. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Charles H. Fowle, of Medford. (Applause.)

MR. CHARLES H. FOWLE: Before I read this brief sketch, I want to say that I have spoken before the Boston Philatelic Society a number of times, but I really feel as if I had a little stage fright to-night because there are so many ladies here, and really we have had no ladies at the meetings which I have attended.

In the first place I want to say that this is the "A. P. A.," the American Philatelic Association. Some years ago there was a very large association in this country also known as the A. P. A.—the American Protective Association or American Patriotic Association—whose aim was to—well, it was to "throw down the Irish," as the saying was. Now Undooley and Finnerty were coming up to this convention, but by mistake they got into a meeting of the American Protective Association, and I have an account of what happened then by getting into the wrong convention, and as a great many of the ladies present do not care anything about stamps, as I have heard, perhaps they will like to hear this. This hasn't anything to do with stamps.

HOW UNDOOLEY AND FINNERTY GOT INTO THE WRONG CONVENTION.

(By Chas. H. Fowle.)

"The 'A. P. A.' is coming to Boston in August," says Undooley to Finnerty.

"The Irish will kill 'em," replies Finnerty.

"Not this crowd; it's the 'American Philatelic Association' I'm spaking of."

"An' for what are they comin'?" asked Finnerty.

"Why to hold a convintion, see the sights and swap 'off cintered' duplicates wid ach other."

"Are ye going?" asked Finnerty.

"Am I?" says Undooley. "Am I not always found where beauty an' brains do congregat?"

"Well, I'm sure ye are if the caterer has a job there," says Finnerty.

"I like that," replied Undooley indignantly.

"I know ye do," says Finnerty, "but the rist av thim gits no chanst."

"There's only wan thing saves your life," retorts Undooley.

"I know the answer," says Finnerty, "it's because I'm bigger than ye are."

"Well, I'd hav ye understand," says Undooley, "I know whin to lave the table."

"Ye *know* well enough but ye niver do," says Finnerty.

"There'll be nothing to ate at the reception only a flow av reason and a communion av soul," says Undooley.

"If that's all they hav ye'll be conspicuous by ye absince," says Finnerty.

"That's all very foine for cheap wit," remarks Undooley, "but I shall be there if alive, an' shall meet some av the greatest brains av this country."

"Is Roosevelt coming?" says Finnerty.

"No," says Undooley.

"Is this the Bryan reception I read about?"

"No," says Undooley.

"Is Taft coming or Cannon or Bailey?" asked Finnerty.

"Not wan av thim, thim's only politicians; these are deeper thinkers than thim fellows. Why, while thim is arguing about such trifles as the Panama Canal, an' who hit the Japanese fishermen, an' wasting time talking about spinding a few millions for a nasty old iron battleship, these intillectual giants is gitting in the big licks on the quistion as to whether red-brown or brown-red is the rawrest spicimin, and writing to the great head cinter av knowledge an' asking if tin hairs in King Dodo's mustache is a different die from tin an' a half or only a lack av ink."

"Who's the great head cintre who can answer all these quistions?" asked Finnerty.

"Spake low," says Undooley, "an' folks won't know ye're foolish; hav ye niver heard me spake av John N. Luff?"

"Niver," says Finnerty.

"That sittles it," says Undooley. "I'll sign the petition to-morrow."

"What paper?" asked Finnerty.

"Why, they wanted me to sign a petition to put you in the crazy house," says Undooley, "an' I'm riddy to do it now."

"Thank ye," says Finnerty, "but where will this great man be on exhibition, an' kin I see him?"

"I'll take ye to the convintion an' show him an' the other great guns to ye. I'm not sure yit where this convintion is to be hild but I'll find out and we'll take it in," says Undooley.

"I'm wid ye," says Finnerty.

And so it was left!

Time passed on and Undooley, being very busy, forgot to inquire where the convention was to be held and in fact forgot all about it till he looked at the calendar one day and read August 13th. He gave a start and said to himself: "It's the thirteenth, is it; well for the love of Moses, there's something unlucky going to happen to-day," and then he remembered it was the A. P. A. convention. The next thing was to get word to Finnerty, so he sent him a note which read as follows: "A. P. A. convintion to-night. Put on your good clothes and mate me at Revere House at 7. Lave your pipe ter home. I'll buy some cigarooroos. Yours, UNDO."

At 7 they met.

"Where is it?" asked Finnerty.

"I dunno," says Undooley, "but we'll try the Revere House first—lots of convintions mate here."

So in they went and Undooley inquired of the clerk if the "A. P. A.'s" met there.

"They do," says the clerk. "Room 3xz, take the elevator."

So they went and found Room 3xz. The door was shut and locked so Undooley rapped on it and it was opened just a crack. A voice said, "What seek ye?"

"The A. P. A. convintion," said Undooley.

"Have you the pass word?" said the voice.

"Do ye hav to hav a pass word to git in?" asked Undooley, very much astonished.

"You do," says the voice.

"Give him the old Hibernian pass word," says Finnerty, "America for the Irish."

Just then another voice inside said something to the first voice which sounded like "Let the lobsters in and we'll have some fun with them." Undooley was not sure of this but that is what it sounded like. Nevertheless the door was opened enough for them to squeeze in and again closed and locked. This struck Undooley as very peculiar but he quickly remembered that there were probably thousands of dollars' worth of valuable stamps on exhibition and the owners did not wish to take any chances.

A quick glance around showed our friends about a hundred men, but as Undooley quickly noticed there was not a lady present. This also struck him as peculiar as he understood there were to be ladies at the convention. Then he remembered it was not eight o'clock yet and the ladies were fixing their back hair and would probably soon enter in a body.

A man standing at the head of the room had evidently been addressing the meeting but had paused when our friends were admitted but now after looking them over very carefully, as they were conducted to the front, inquired, "Do you fellows know where you are?"

"Yis," says Undooley, "we are in the A. P. A. convintion."

"That's right," says the man, "but where do you come from?"

"County Kerry, the both av us," says Undooley.

"They're spies," says a little Englishman over in the corner.

"Come outside an' say that," says Undooley, "an' I'll perforate ye all over."

"Are you fellows Irish?" asked the man who was evidently the chairman of the meeting.

"Well, Finnerty, did ye iver hear the likes uv that?" Then addressing the chair Undooley said, "Well, our fathers an' mothers were born in Ireland an' so were we but I hav a suspicion that we are Japanese."

"Don't get funny," says the chairman, "do you know the penalty for butting in on a secret meeting of the grand council of the A. P. A.?"

"Secret meeting," says Undooley, "secret nothing. Me and Finnerty is square min and ye needn't be afraid that we will pinch wan av ye old sthamps; if me frind Sawyer is here he'll vouch for us."

"Is Mr. Sawyer in the hall?" called out the chair, and a little red-headed, cross-eyed, bow-legged man tried to stand up straight.

"Can you vouch for these men, Mr. Sawyer?" asked the chair.

"Never saw either of them before and should hate to meet either one of them on a lonesome road," says Mr. Sawyer.

"There's another mon I'll lick whin I catch him outside," says Undooley, "but that ain't my Mr. Sawyer."

"Guess again," says the chair.

"If John Smith were here I'd be all right," says Undooley.

"Will John Smith kindly rise and identify these tramps?" says the chair.

At this three men sprang up, and said in unison, "I am John Smith."

"Thank you," says the chair. "Which one of them belongs to you?" this last rather sarcastically to Undooley.

"If I owned either wan av thim I'd drown him," says Undooley.

The three John Smiths shook their fists at Undooley but at a word from the chair sat down.

"Perhaps it's some other Smith," says the chair. "Will any other Smith in the room please rise?"

Six men jumped up, one of them a colored man.

"There you are," says the chair, "five white smiths and a black smith."

Undooley had attended a few stamp auctions some winters ago and it seemed natural to see a bunch of "Smiths" present, but for the life of him he had never seen one of these before.

"See any one there you want?" asked the chair.

"No," says Undooley, "they're as bad as the rist; the only dacent looking man in the lot is the nagur."

Six more men shook their fists at Undooley and started for him but subsided when the chair quietly said, "Not yet." Then a big fellow jumped up and said, "I kill an Irishman every morning before breakfast. I shouldn't think I had begun the day right if I didn't."

"Do ye suppose he has killed wan to-day?" whispered Finnerty to Undooley.

"Do you see any one here you know?" asked the chair.

"Divil a wan I know or want to know if this is the way ye treat ye friends," says Undooley who was beginning to get pretty hot over the queer reception extended to Finnerty and himself.

A hundred men sprang to their feet, shook their fists at the intruders and with one accord shouted, "Death to the Irish."

"Wait a while, wait a while," says the chair.

"This nonsense has gone far enough," continued the chair, addressing our friends, "the penalty is death for all those who enter our secret council meetings without the pass word. Have you any explanation to give why you are here?"

Undooley started to say something real sarcastic that would have brought down the house, as it were, on his devoted head but suddenly the thought occurred to him that he *might* be in the wrong convention. He looked around and saw the ugly look on the faces of a hundred men and saw that a number of the men had orange ribbons on and that there was not an Irishman in the crowd. Then he took a big tumble. He *was* in the A. P. A. convention but it was the "American Protective, sometimes called Patriotic, Association." Cold chills ran up and down his legs, and brave as he always was, his voice trembled a little when he asked, "Isn't this the 'American Philatelic Association' convention?"

The chair looked confused and then said, "Did any one here ever hear of that Association?"

And one hundred men in unison cried out, "We never did."

"What do they do?" asked the chair.

"They collect postage sthamps and swap 'em and sell 'em," says Undooley.

Up jumps a delegate and says, "Mr. Chairman, these men have evidently escaped from some insane asylum; they both of them look crazy."

"If I gits out av this alive there's another mon I've got to lick," says Undooley.

"What is the pleasure of the meeting that we shall do with these two poor unfortunates?" asked the chair.

Some were in favor of killing; others proposed taking them blindfolded down to the wharf and dropping them overboard and letting them swim for it.

"Take them over by the door where they can't hear and if the Vice-Presidents and other officers will come forward we will decide what their fate shall be," says the chair.

So the doorkeeper and the man who killed an Irishman every morning led them over near the door while the officers went forward.

"If the members will all come as far forward as they can we will be pleased to hear any suggestions you may have to offer," says the chair.

So up rose the members and all crowded forward where they began to discuss the situation in low tones.

As Undooley and Finnerty stood side by side dejectedly looking on, Finnerty whispered to Undooley, "I have a big revolver in me pocket."

"Slip it into me fist whin no wan is looking," says Undooley.

The arguments up front began to get warmer and the two guards moved up a little ways so as to hear something of the doings. Just then Undooley noticed that the key was still in the lock. He whispered this fact to Finnerty and told him to be prepared to slide out when he (Undooley) unlocked the door, and then slowly and careless-like, he moved a few steps, turned the key quietly and just as one loud-mouthed man was shouting out his remarks, he opened the door and pushed Finnerty into the hall with the single word, "Run." Then turning with one foot outside the door and ready to pull the other after it on the instant, he sang out to the man who killed the Irishman before breakfast, "Here, you murtherin' scoundrel, give three cheers for Ireland or I'll blow yer head off." The heroic slayer of Irish took one look into the mouth of a big revolver, saw a determined looking man holding said revolver and without a yip fainted dead away. Undooley slammed the door and was down three flights before he was quite sure he had started. There was no pursuit.

I was told by a little bird that the secretary was instructed not to put any account of the episode on the records of the meeting but what they did interests us no more.

Undooley found Finnerty in the lobby as white as a sheet and said to him, "It *was* a close call, Finn, but ye want to kape ye mouth shet. That revolver kim in jist right; how did ye happen to hav it?"

"I lint it to Clancy an' jist as I were coming up here I mit him going down to me house to return it so I put it in me pocket; it isn't loaded."

"Howling jewsharps," says Undooley, "an' I scared a mon to death wid an empty pistol."

And when he told Finnerty about the hero who fainted, they both laughed so loud that people thought there had been another explosion in the subway.

"Well, we started out to do the convintion," says Undooley, "an' we'll find it or git killed agin."

So into a newspaper office they went and asked a clerk if he knew where the "Am. Phil. Asso." convention met.

"I saw something about it in the paper," says the clerk, and in a moment or two found it and told them it was at the "Bellevue." Thanking him they left and soon arrived at the "Bellevue" and found the parlor where the convention, or rather reception, was in progress.

No locked or bolted door here, in fact everything was free, including Wylie's favorite brand of ice water, several barrels of which he had ordered tapped for the occasion.

The first man Undooley spied that he knew was Sawyer.

"There's a mon that cud identify the remains," says he to Finnerty, and he proceeded to introduce Finnerty to Sawyer, in these words:

"Mr. Sawyer, will you kindly allow me to presint me frin, Mr. Finnerty? Finnerty don't know much about sthamps but he hav a wad wid him an' if there is anything else on tap but ice water, he'll buy ye some. Finnerty, Mr. Sawyer is a good mon to stand in wid, so generous he gives out thousands av dollars ivery day to people he niver saw before."

"How's that?" asked Finnerty.

"He's in a bank an' all ye hav to do is to hav a deposit there an' sign ye name for it. Hurry up an' ask us fer I'm awful dry," says Undooley.

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A little later, Undooley saw Smith and says to Finnerty, "there's Smith; I'll introduce ye."

"Not on ye life," says Finnerty. "I've seen nine Smiths already this avening an' I'll niver feel safe whin there's a Smith around agin."

"There's Luff," says Undooley, "now look out an' try an' don't act foolish. Mr. Luff, me frind Finnerty. If ye knew as much about sthamps as Finnerty don't know, ye'd know iverything. Finn wants to ask ye down stairs but he is bashful. Ah! an' there's Legg. Mr. Legg, me frind Finnerty,—you'll join Finnerty. Finnerty is easy, but bashful."

Undooley and Finnerty had a fine time at the reception and Undooley invited six ladies to go down to Revere Beach with him Tuesday night—at the expense of the Association. Finnerty, acting under Undooley's instruction, pinched several of Kelley's covers and got a couple of good Hawaiians, as Undooley always believes in making hay while the owner it not *looking*.

And so the evening passed away. Elegant exhibits were shown, exhibits that made Undooley's eyes stick out so far he had several times to push them back again for fear of their dropping out.

President Howes made an address of welcome that was rapturously received and reflected great credit on the man who composed it for him. I am not at liberty to give his name.

President Stone replied with a syndicated speech, which I enjoyed very much when I first heard it in 1880. Several others made remarks that can hardly be construed as libel and Undooley and Finnerty saw all the great lions of stampdom. About nine o'clock Undooley was introduced to Doeblin from Pittsburg and listened very attentively to Doeblin's account of how he and his family rode up in Cobe's elevator.

"All ter wanst?" says Undooley.

"No," says Doeblin, "it took two trips to take me up and one for the rest of the family."

Then Undooley told how he met Johnson of Milwaukee on School Street, about four o'clock and, seeing he had a badge on, asked his name and then introduced himself as "Undooley," and Johnson says, "That's nice, I'm glad you are, but I never heard of the man!" This broke Undooley's heart but later on he met another delegate who did know him and they drank to Johnson of Milwaukee in something that made Milwaukee famous.

After a bounteous lunch of Boston baked beans, codfish, Johnny cake and other delicacies, the reception broke up about two G. M. and the members from out of town rode home with the milkmen who were delivering their morning's milk.

Undooley and Finnerty left early and as they separated at Scollay Square Undooley says, "I kill an Irishman every morning before breakfast," and Finnerty shuddered a great big shud and disappeared in the darkness.

MR. ROTHFUCHS: Ladies and Gentlemen, the president, Mr. Howes, assisted by the president of the American Philatelic Association, Mr. Stone, will be pleased to receive those present, and if the gentlemen and ladies will form at the right side and pass the table, and in going back resume your present seats, there will be no confusion.

PRESIDENT HOWES: Ladies and Gentlemen: May I say just a word, please. These slips have been passed around for registration of the American Philatelic members who are here. Will all who have them kindly fill them out and pass them in to the table, and if you have been omitted we will see that you are supplied. Also any of you who plan to take any of the excursions during the week, we will be glad to have you give your names to the committee so that we may plan ahead as to how many are going.

MR. ROTHFUCHS: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I should have said, but I did not know that Mr. Sawyer decided to make a reply to Mr. Undooley, and I take great pleasure in introducing to you Mr. Sawyer. (Applause.)

MR. E. F. SAWYER: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen and Mr. Undooley: After such a harmonious meeting I dislike to offer any word of discord, and I am the last man to seek for trouble. I would rather walk ten miles around trouble than to get into it. But after sitting here and hearing this—I can't express it—the remarks that Mr. Undooley has made this evening and the remarks he has made during the last few weeks in the leading Philatelic publication of the United States, not speaking of foreign countries, I have at great expense hired a poet to write a few verses. I think you will all recognize the poet. It has cost me a large amount of money to have this poem produced, but I felt that something should be done to offset these remarks he has been making about the Philatelists of Boston and vicinity. I have boiled more than once on reading them, and if you will indulge me just a moment or two I will read these verses by "Foxy Grandpa."

"UNDOOLEY" WRITTEN UP.

By E. F. Sawyer ["Foxy Grandpa"].

A man, by name Undooley,
Who is reaching out for fame,
With brass and gall unlimited,
And, with but little shame,

Has been roasting us poor stamp cranks;
And done us up quite brown;
But his days are surely numbered,
It's our turn to throw *him* down.

He thought he had us on the run,
 So soaked us left and right,
 With no mercy in his makeup,
 Hitting everything in sight.

As an angel he's been posing,
 While giving us the hook;
 But we, who hardly knew him,
 Now, can read him like a book.

But his reckoning was off center,
 We can block his little game;
 We'll just surcharge him daffy,
 And perforate his name.

Just keep an eye on, Undooley,
 Your silverware lock up;
 When he makes a friendly visit,
 Only just to write you up.

He will warn you he is coming,
 Your stamps to just inspect,
 And tips you off, a lunch to have,
 But his aims you ne'er suspect.

He informs you there are several
 Whom he intends to bring;
 So you prepare a large layout,
 But find it's all for him.

His capacity is something awful,
 His cheek it is supreme,
 But if you are an innocent
 Of this you'll never dream.

But when he has departed,
 With his sack quite full of wash,
 Quite suddenly you'll wake up,
 And find you're sold, by gosh!

So beware of this smiling being,
 With his smirkes and gush galore;
 For he's doing you up behind your back
 As you were never done before.

He's a walking contradiction,
 A Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,
 To show him up completely
 My very best I've tried.

(Loud Applause.)

President Howes and President Stone then received the members, after which tables were placed for the display of stamps, the examination of which, together with social converse among the members and guests, occupied the remainder of the evening.

The following collections were on exhibition:

Hawaiian Islands,	Property of L. L. Green.
United States,	Property of C. F. Rothfuchs.
Korea and China,	Property of C. A. Howes.
Philippines,	Property of J. M. Bartels.
Exhibit of rarities,	Property of Dudley Pickman.
Luxemburg,	Property of M. H. Lombard.
Twentieth Century collections,	Property of E. M. Carpenter and B. L. Drew.
Stamps on original covers,	Property of E. deZ. Kelley.

Proceedings of the Convention.

Tuesday Morning, August 14, 1906.

The convention met in the hall of the Bellevue and was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by President Stone.

THE PRESIDENT: The secretary will please read the call for the convention.

Secretary Eaton read the call printed elsewhere.

THE PRESIDENT: As Mr. Aldrich, a member of the Committee on Credentials, was not able to be present, I appointed in his place Mr. F. R. Cornwall of St. Louis.

The next item of business is the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. H. E. Deats read the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the American Philatelic Association:

The Committee on Credentials report that in the absence of one of their number, Mr. E. R. Aldrich, the president appointed Mr. F. R. Cornwall to fill the vacancy.

Your Committee in the performance of the duties devolving upon them under the By-laws have received; examined and counted the ballots cast at the annual election of Directors, and report thereon as follows:

Whole number of ballots cast	291
Of which there were rejected—	
Unsigned ballots	1
Duplicates	3
Blanks	3
Signed with rubber stamp	2
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Valid ballots	282
D. T. Eaton, of Iowa, received	281
H. G. Smith, of Minnesota	278
Henry Ades Fowler, of Illinois	274
William C. Stone, of Massachusetts	277
Henry N. Mudge, of Illinois	274
Joseph H. Rich, of New York	269
Alfred F. Henkels, of Pennsylvania	259
William E. Loy, of California	251
Fred Michael, of Illinois	241
E. Doebelin, of Pennsylvania	15
P. M. Wolsieffer, of Illinois	10
Alexander Holland, of Illinois	9
H. B. Phillips, of California	9
E. M. Rosenthal, of Illinois	8
Scattering votes among 32 members	55

Your committee further report that they have been advised of the death of William E. Loy, one of the nine persons receiving a plurality of votes cast, and they are of the opinion that as a matter of law the votes cast for him are of no effect.

Of the persons having the next largest number of votes cast after the first nine, E. Doebelin, P. M. Wolsieffer and Alexander Holland are disqualified, being residents of the same states as others receiving a higher number of votes. We therefore report that H,

B. Phillips, of California, having received the next highest number of votes cast, is the ninth eligible person for Director, and that the said D. T. Eaton, H. G. Smith, Henry Ades Fowler, William C. Stone, Henry N. Mudge, Joseph H. Rich, Alfred F. Henkels, Fred Michael and H. B. Phillips have each received a plurality of votes cast.

We further report that each of said nine persons is a stockholder of the Association, that at least five of them are collectors and not dealers by profession, and that at least seven of them are residents of different states, as required by Section 2 of Article IV of the By-laws.

We further report that of the above named nine persons, Henry Ades Fowler, Henry N. Mudge and Fred Michael, all of Chicago, in the state of Illinois, reside within a radius of thirty miles and are qualified to serve as members of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

REPORT ON PROXIES.

Your committee have received proxies in favor of the following members:

<i>Holders of Proxies.</i>	<i>Number.</i>
P. M. Wolseiffer	161
C. E. Severn	30
C. C. Johnson	24
E. M. Rosenthal	15
W. O. Wylie	9
F. R. Cornwall	4
H. E. Deats	4
A. C. Stewart	3
F. N. Massoth	2
F. S. Martin	1
F. H. Burt	1
W. H. Colson	1
C. A. Howes	1
I. Rudy	1
Total	257
Rejected	12
	—269
<i>Grounds of Rejection:</i>	
For being made out to Directors	7
For being present at convention	3
For being a non-member	1
For being a duplicate	1
	—12

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, *Chairman*,
H. E. DEATS,
FRANK H. BURT,
JOHN W. PROVOST,
F. R. CORNWALL,

Boston, August 14, 1906.

Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the report of the Committee on Credentials; is there any action to be taken?

MR. SAWYER: I move it be accepted, Mr. President.

The motion, being seconded, was put to vote and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: The acceptance of the report of the committee carries with it a declaration of election of the following persons as directors for the ensuing year: D. T. Eaton, H. G. Smith, Henry Ades Fowler, William C. Stone, Henry N. Mudge, Joseph H. Rich, Alfred F. Henkels, Fred Michael and H. B. Phillips.

The next item of business is the reading of the minutes of the last convention.

MR. E. DOOLIN: I move that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, because we have all read them already.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: The next item of business is the address of the President. Will Vice-President Mudge take the chair?

VICE-PRESIDENT MUDGE (in the chair): We now have the pleasure, ladies and gentlemen, of hearing the annual address of the President.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM C. STONE, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Fellow members of the Association—ladies and gentlemen: Twenty years ago next month in the city of New York there gathered the representatives of several hundred American stamp collectors. After a two days' session they adopted a constitution and elected officers and the American Philatelic Association was started upon its career.

Looking back upon the record of these years we find that the society has experienced its ups and downs like all organizations. Commencing with 157 charter members the membership rose steadily to nearly 700 in 1890. Two years later the convention was held, so shortly after the adoption of the articles of incorporation, that many members had not re-qualified and the active membership was only 313. Four years later, it reached its maximum, 1046, after which, owing to internal discords, there was a dropping off of interest and the membership in 1901 was only about half that number. But for the last four years there has been a steady gain. The members seem to be united and working for the good of the Association. The number of applications during the past year is the largest since 1885, and our present membership is larger than in any year since last we met in the city of Boston in 1897.

During the lifetime of the Association twelve cities have welcomed us. Four times we have gathered on Manhattan Island, three times in the Hub, two meetings have been held in the mighty city of the west at the head of Lake Michigan. By the side of mighty Niagara, among the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence, and in the Flour City of Minnesota we have held two meetings each. Saint Louis, Detroit, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Pittsburg and Springfield; what memories they all bring before us. What friendships we have made at the meetings! Does not the convention privilege alone more than repay you for the small sum of the annual dues? Think of the scores of new collectors whom you have met. Think of the hundreds of new stamps you have added to your collection as an indirect result of the acquaintances you have made through attendance at one or more of our annual gatherings.

A somewhat hurried review of the workings of our Sales department shows that during the past twenty years there have passed through the department, stamps belonging to members of the Association of a value exceeding \$350,000 and that the sales from the same have exceeded \$80,000. During the brief existence of the Purchasing department over \$12,000 worth of new issues were supplied its members at a small premium over face value. I commend for your consideration whether the re-establishment of this department is not advisable.

Last year at the convention a change was made in our By-laws by which the question of the expulsion of a member was given for final settlement to the Board of Directors after being investigated by the Vice-Presidents. I recommend a similar change in the case of applications for membership to whom objections have been raised. It does not seem right to me that two persons, forming a majority of the Vice-Presidents, should have the sole power in their hands of deciding who shall and who shall not be admitted to the Association.

The question has recently arisen as to how a member who has resigned in good standing can be reinstated and retain his old certificate number. Our By-laws are somewhat vague on the subject, although quite clear in regard to those who were suspended. I recommend the careful attention of the proper committee to this point.

Fiscal stamps seem to be growing more and more popular every year and the number of collectors is rapidly increasing. Can we do anything towards gathering in these collectors into our own Association? There is already a flourishing branch in this country of the Fiscal Philatelic Society which has its headquarters in England. Why can not we have a fiscal section of our own?

Of the doings of philatelists abroad we shall hear from our worthy International Secretary. I desire, however, to briefly mention the recent exhibition held in London, at which one of our own members was one of the judges, and at which numerous prizes were awarded American collectors.

The recent disaster in San Francisco is still fresh in our memories and we all sorrow in our hearts for the losses sustained by our brother philatelists. We rejoice also that the matchless Hawaiian collection of Mr. Crocker was not included among the many which were burned but still stands the peer of all.

Now a few words as to the stamps of the past year. First and foremost perhaps should come mention of the decision of our own postal authorities to issue a special series for the Jamestown celebration next year. That the issue will comprise only two or three values is I believe mainly due to the representations of stamp collectors to the department.

The new stamps for the Philippines have not yet been seen although they are reported to have been shipped to Manila. A recent act of the Philippine Commission abolished the franking system and penalty envelopes, and required all mail to be stamped. Said stamps to bear the letters "O. B." or "Official Business." As most all of these surcharges are hand-stamped a plenteous variety of novelties await those who specialize in such stamps.

Although Haakon VII, the new king of Norway, has been on the throne since November, no new issues have as yet gladdened our eyes. Rumor says, however, that they are being prepared.

Christian IX of Denmark has passed away and his son reigns as Frederic VIII. Postage stamps have been in use in Denmark for over fifty years but it is only within the last eighteen months that the portrait of the king has appeared upon them. The accession of a new sovereign will undoubtedly render new sets necessary for Iceland, the Danish West Indies and the mother country. A change of currency in the Danish West Indies resulted in the issue of a new set during the year, which falls far below the artistic standard set by the old issues.

Another impending new issue is that caused by the accession of a new Grand Duke in Luxemburg.

Germany and her colonies and Switzerland have introduced watermarks recently and one or two changes of currency among the oriental colonies of the former country.

Two or three sets of "stamps" purporting to have been issued by some revolutionists in Crete were placed upon the market last year but their true character was soon disclosed and there was a sudden cessation of interest in them.

Commemorative sets have been manufactured in Montenegro and Wurtemberg and another set of Olympic game stamps has been issued by Greece.

Picture sets have been issued by several French colonies while a reorganization of the West African colonies has resulted in new titles and consequently new stamps.

And now less than a month ago the daily press announced the issue of a set of consular fee stamps for use in checking the receipts for fees by our consuls in foreign countries. Strange to say, the philatelic press do not seem to have learned of this issue.

But I might go on for a long time enumerating the novelties of the year. Changes in design, paper, colors and watermark have all had their turn in some country or another. I refer you for details to the files of the philatelic press.

And now in closing I wish to ask the members who have so kindly stood behind me during the past year to keep up the good work another year. The organization of the recruiting committee has to my mind been fully justified. But it is important that their work of last year be followed up during the coming year as well, if we are to reap the full benefit of their labors. I desire particularly to publicly express my gratification at the work accomplished with the small appropriation which we were enabled to place at the disposal of the committee. If the work can be followed up for a few years I believe our membership can be brought up to figures far beyond our present numbers. Let us then each resolve that we will exert ourselves a little more next year and endeavor to raise our membership before next August to not less than one thousand.

After the conclusion of the address, which was received with hearty applause, the President resumed the chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The next item will be the report of the secretary of the Association.

Secretary Eaton read his annual report, as follows, the same being referred to the Committee on Finance:

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 14th, 1906.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—As it was the pleasure of the Directors of this Association, which met in the city of Minneapolis, Aug. 8th-11th, 1905, to again select me as your Secretary, I take this opportunity in presenting my third and last annual report, to thank each and every member for the many favors shown me during the three years which I have served. Unfortunately I was not born under a lucky star, therefore my record has not

been without errors, but I trust they have not been so great but that they can be overlooked.

As the membership of this Association has been one of my "hobbies" for the past three years, I cannot refrain from saying a few words about what has been done.

It will be remembered that at our last meeting our By-laws were so changed that the President was empowered to appoint a member from any locality he thought necessary to be known as a Recruiting Committee. This Committee at present consists of Mr. E. M. Rosenthal of Chicago, Chairman, and 24 members distributed throughout the United States. Eighteen of the 24 members of this Committee contributed 69 of the 226 new members and reinstatements. Two of these 18 members furnished 38 of the 69. In addition to above it is evident that the Chairman of the Committee is responsible to a great extent for new stockholders secured through others than members of the Committee. Last year 126 new stockholders and 8 reinstatements were secured through the efforts of 44 members. During the past year we lost by resignation, suspensions, deaths, etc., 73 members, and during the same period we have secured 208 new members and 18 reinstatements, through the efforts of 75 of our members. I trust next year will show the same increase of interest amongst our members.

The following will show by whom the work was done, giving no credit for membership received by the Secretary:

P. M. Wolsieffer	43	W. C. Emery	1	A. E. Daum	1
E. de Z. Kelley	21	E. W. Smith	1	H. B. Phillips	1
C. C. Johnson	17	A. D. Blair	1	Ross O'Shaughnessy ...	1
J. W. Dye	7	H. C. Beardsley	1	C. E. Severn	1
S. V. Saxby	6	Chas. Beamish	1	J. S. Rich	1
W. O. Wylie	5	Geo. F. Loring	1	F. W. Meyer	1
G. C. Cuenod	4	L. H. Kjellstedt	1	W. O. Staab	1
L. C. Hassler	4	Emery S. Pratt	1	H. E. Wilson	1
F. W. Reid	4	P. L. Chambers	1	J. W. Prevost	1
A. C. Stewart	3	Albert Perrin	1	John Sohn	1
Wm. C. Stone	3	Isaiah Rudy	1	A. E. Woodward	1
Otto von Besser	3	W. H. Faber	1	H. N. Mudge	1
C. Witt	3	F. B. Kirby	3	E. P. Seebohm	1
A. F. Boehm	1	H. A. Davis	3	H. Belden	1
Percival Parrish	1	E. Doebelin	2	W. H. Barnum	1
Aug. Linck	1	C. L. Annan	2	J. A. D. Park	1
H. C. Crowell	1	T. B. Stillman	2	F. W. Pickard	1
F. S. Parmelee	1	F. D. Goodhue	2	A. K. Ford	1
J. P. Street	1	Geo. Marples	2	Herbert Clark	1
Chas. N. Combs	1	Geo. R. Tuttle	2	Geo. L. Toppan	1
E. M. Carpenter	1	Wm. E. Ault	2	Frank Bescher	1
E. R. Aldrich	1	F. R. Cornwall	2	E. W. Hodson	1
J. M. Bartels	1	A. F. Henkels	2	Chas. C. DeSelms	1
A. W. Dunning	1	Wm. J. Gardner	1	H. E. Deats	1
J. W. Haseltine	1	V. Gurdji	1		

MEMBERSHIP.

Total membership Aug. 8th, 1905	674
Dropped for non-payment of dues	41
Resignations accepted	25
Deceased	7
Expelled by Board of Directors	1
	<hr/> 74
Total	600
To which add new stockholders	208
Reinstated (suspensions of 1906)	5
Reinstated (suspensions prior to 1906)	13
	<hr/> 826
Total membership Aug. 14th, 1906	826

FOREIGN MEMBERSHIP.

Our foreign membership is still on the increase, having added 4 new recruits to our list, making a total of 40. The cost to the Association this year just about equals their annual dues.

The following deaths have been reported since last report, and numbers 3 less than in 1905:

No. 1846.	Dunn, Jos. H., died June 28th, 1905.
No. 1662.	Whitlock, B. McE., died Aug. 4th, 1905.
No. 401.	Stein, Herman, died July 28th, 1905.
No. 2030.	Schmidt, Rudolph, died Aug. 31st, 1905.
No. 1246.	Strausse, N. P., died Jan. 29th, 1906.
No. 1574.	Kelley, W. P., died June 2nd, 1906.
No. 161.	Loy, Wm. E., died July 29th, 1906.

CASH RECEIPTS—1905-'06.

	Stock.	General.
Aug. 1905	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.50
Sept. 1905	12.00	29.55
Oct. 1905	18.00	50.40
Nov. 1905	22.00	32.10
Dec. 1905	24.00	36.70
Jan. 1906	16.00	22.15
Feb. 1906	11.00	8.30
Mar. 1906	23.00	13.45
Apr. 1906	15.00	8.90
May, 1906	14.00	9.30
June, 1906	18.00	6.10
July, 1906	34.00	8.20
	<hr/> \$217.00	<hr/> \$239.65

All of which was remitted monthly to H. G. Smith, Treasurer.

The expenses of the office of Secretary for postage, stationery and printing, including expenses to convention, were \$118.69, as against \$102.85 for last year. This is a reduction over the expenses of last year, when we consider that the mailing of the Year Book cost us one cent per copy more than last year, and we have mailed about 150 copies more this year than last.

The following warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer during the year:

Aug. 16, 1905.	No. 166.	D. T. Eaton, expenses to convention	\$ 38.17
Aug. 29, 1905.	" 167.	H. G. Smith, dues librarian	1.20
Aug. 29, 1905.	" 168.	H. G. Smith, stamped envelopes and postage	23.50
Sept. 8, 1905.	" 169.	Minneapolis Printing Co., cards for Treasurer	6.75
Sept. 8, 1905.	" 170.	Minneapolis Printing Co., 800 index cards	6.00
Sept. 11, 1905.	" 171.	E. Doeblin, sub. to V. K. B.	5.00
Sept. 11, 1905.	" 172.	Conaway-Porter Printing Co., letter heads (Sec'y.)	3.00
Sept. 15, 1905.	" 173.	W. O. Staab, salary Supt. Sales Dept.	25.00
Sept. 15, 1905.	" 174.	Kihn Bros., 800 membership cards	12.00
Sept. 20, 1905.	" 175.	Record Printing Co., 3,000 application blanks	5.75
Sept. 20, 1905.	" 176.	Gordon Ireland, binding, letter book, etc.	5.52
Sept. 21, 1905.	" 177.	Mekeel R. S. Co., Official Journal, 6 mo.	121.63
Oct. 4, 1905.	" 178.	Baumann Gordon & Co., Prem. on \$3,000 bond	12.50
Oct. 4, 1905.	" 179.	I. M. Wolverton, 250 index cards	1.25
Oct. 4, 1905.	" 180.	D. T. Eaton, postage, envelopes and express	15.71
Oct. 16, 1905.	" 181.	F. H. Burt, stenographer	75.00
Oct. 17, 1905.	" 182.	I. M. Wolverton, 200 postal receipts	3.00
Oct. 21, 1905.	" 183.	W. O. Staab, record, ledger and cash books	2.45
Oct. 21, 1905.	" 184.	P. M. Wolsieffer, record, ledger and cash books	2.28
Oct. 25, 1905.	" 185.	C. L. Annan, postage February to August	.90
Oct. 27, 1905.	" 186.	E. M. Rosenthal, stationery, Recruiting Com.	61.70
Oct. 27, 1905.	" 187.	E. M. Rosenthal, postage to Oct. 26th	16.30
Nov. 1, 1905.	" 188.	Minneapolis Printing Co., 250 notices (Treas.)	3.50
Nov. 14, 1905.	" 189.	V. Gurdji, stamps stolen from circuit	5.50
Nov. 27, 1905.	" 190.	D. T. Eaton, postage October and November	5.86
Jan. 3, 1906.	" 191.	D. T. Eaton, postage, envel. and telegram	12.23
Jan. 11, 1906.	" 192.	Conaway-Porter Printing Co., 3,000 applications	5.75
Jan. 29, 1906.	" 193.	E. E. Davidson, copy letter book	1.00
Feb. 1, 1906.	" 194.	Conaway-Porter Prtg Co., 1000 env. for Year Book	12.00
Feb. 1, 1906.	" 195.	D. T. Eaton, postage on Year Book, exp., etc.	39.81
Feb. 8, 1906.	" 196.	Conaway-Porter Prtg Co., 900 copies Year Book	291.20

Feb. 8, 1906.	"	197.	Conaway-Porter Prt'g. Co., 150 By-laws and 6 interleaves	13.00
Mar. 1, 1906.	"	198.	D. T. Eaton, postage and envelopes	16.30
Mar. 10, 1906.	"	199.	Mekcel R. S. Co.	128.81
Apr. 2, 1906.	"	200.	E. M. Rosenthal, postage Recruiting Com.	20.04
Apr. 2, 1906.	"	201.	D. T. Eaton, membership cards and postage	7.60
May 5, 1906.	"	202.	Ludwig Wolff, loss of stamps in circuit	167.80
May 29, 1906.	"	203.	P. M. Wolsieffer, loss of stamps in circuit	26.69
June 5, 1906.	"	204.	Conaway-Porter Prt'g Co., ballots, proxies, etc. ..	7.50
July 28, 1906.	"	205.	D. T. Eaton, envel., ballots, Year Books, etc.	21.18
July 28, 1906.	"	206.	H. G. Smith, fees ret'd to rejected appli.	2.00
July 28, 1906.	"	207.	H. G. Smith, fees ret'd to rejected appli.	7.30
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				\$1,239.68

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. EATON, *Secretary.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. H. G. Smith, was read by the Secretary, as follows, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the American Philatelic Association:

Your Treasurer herewith submits his report for the year closing August 1st, 1906:

Stock Account.

Received from former Treasurer	\$2,051.00
Received during year, as per reports published	264.00
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	\$2,315.00

General Fund.

Balance from former Treasurer	\$ 120.68
Received during year, as per published reports	879.45
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	\$1,000.13

Disbursements.

D. T. Eaton, Secretary, convention expenses	\$ 38.17
D. T. Eaton, Secretary, postage, etc.	118.69
H. G. Smith, Treasurer, postage, etc.	23.50
Printing, stationery and miscellaneous supplies	78.65
Official Journal, Mekcel-Redfield-Severn Co.	250.44
<i>Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt</i>	5.00
F. H. Burt, convention report	75.00
Recruiting Committee expenses	98.04
<i>American Philatelist</i>	304.20
W. O. Staab, Supt. of Sales, salary	25.00
Expense for Treasurer's bond	12.50
Miscellaneous	1.20
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	\$1,030.39
August 1st, Fund overdrawn	\$30.26

N. B. For detailed statement, see list of warrants drawn in report of the Secretary.

Insurance Fund.

Balance from former Treasurer	\$ 731.42
Received from P. M. Wolsieffer	50.54
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	\$ 781.96

Disbursements.

Claims for stamps lost, etc., from circuits	\$ 199.99
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Balance on hand Aug. 1st, 1906	\$ 581.97

Exchange Account.

Balance from former Treasurer	\$ 13.70
Received during the year	12.80
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	\$ 26.50

Summary of Balances.

Stock Account	\$2,315.00
Insurance Fund	581.97
Exchange Account	26.50
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	\$2,923.47
General Fund overdrawn	30.26
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	\$2,893.21
Certificate of deposit, N. Y. Security Trust Co.	\$2,400.00
Amount of cash in Germania Bank of Minneapolis to credit of Association	493.21
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	\$2,893.21

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

ANNOUNCEMENT BY ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. Batchelder, wishes to make a few announcements.

MR. BATCHELDER: I wanted to say a word or two before any more left the room. This noon at twelve o'clock sharp we are going to have the official photograph taken on the State House steps, a stone's throw to the right, and we want everybody here present, so if you have occasion to leave the hall, remember that at five minutes of twelve you must be back here or at the corner ready to go to the State House, and you all want to look your prettiest.

This afternoon we are going to Franklin Park, and there is to be a red-hot ball game between the Boston Society nine, who have been practicing for weeks, and the Chicago Society nine, or rather the A. P. A. nine, which is made up largely from Chicago, and I understand they have had a paid coach who has been instructing them for some time. The betting up to the present time is just even, but that is solely due to the uncertainty as to who are to be the battery on the part of the A. P. A. nine. If it were not for that the betting would be heavily in favor of Boston. But we have learned on the quiet that Mr. Doeblin is likely to pitch for the A. P. A. nine (Laughter) and that Mr. Bescher is going to be the catcher. If that is the case, and Mr. Chapman plays short stop, I can see the finish of the Boston nine. There will be pools announced before the game.

MR. SEVERN: Double umpire system?

MR. BATCHELDER: Yes. Mr. Severn has requested that he be allowed to act as one of the umpires. If I were a lame man I never would ask for a job like that. It is a position that demands as its chief qualification a good runner.

A VOICE: Who is going to furnish the red-hot ball? You said it was to be a red-hot ball game?

MR. BATCHELDER: Mr. Cobb. We leave here at two o'clock, taking cars at the Park Street Subway. For the benefit of those who do not catch on at the minute, I will say this: We take cars on the Elevated and go to Dudley Street station. Be sure and take the Dudley Street train. There is a sign posted as the train comes in, so there is no chance to make a mistake. When you reach the Dudley Street station get out on the platform and if you are not in groups take a Humboldt Avenue car. Get off at the

Humboldt Avenue entrance to Franklin Park. Remember, we are not going to Franklin Field, where most of the ball grounds are, but get off at Franklin Park, Humboldt Avenue entrance. You cannot make a mistake if you start right and go straight to the ball grounds. Let everybody who can go to the Park Street entrance, and somebody will be there with the tickets.

This morning the tickets will be given out for Wonderland, this evening. The reason for giving them out now is that we thought some would like to go down there this evening to dinner. You can get a good fish dinner for fifty cents, seventy-five cents, a dollar, or any other price. All are invited, A. P. A., B. P. S., and your relatives and friends.

THE PRESIDENT: Which A. P. A.?

MR. BATCHELDER: Either, if they come forward for tickets. We shall use no discrimination whatever; all are invited and I hope all will go down there. It is the finest park of the kind that I have ever been in and you will have a grand good time. As we shall probably go in groups instead of going in a body, I will state that you can take the Elevated train that goes to the Revere Beach station at Rowe's Wharf on Atlantic Avenue. At seven o'clock there will be somebody here to start those who want to go at that time, and I think perhaps at six o'clock we will have somebody here to meet those who want to go down to supper. If you do not find anybody to go with, you had better go to the Park Street station and take an Elevated train. If there is any detail that I have omitted I will be glad to know it.

MR. DOEBLIN: I think you have said enough.

MR. BATCHELDER: To-morrow at two o'clock we leave for our boat trip and at the convention the announcement will be made of the details, but all are invited. I hope that everybody will go to the ball game this afternoon. (Applause.)

MR. HOWES: May I ask if there is any one here who was not here last night and did not register at this time, if they will kindly see that their names are put on the register slip? They will find slips here, either at the front desk or at the desk back here.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the announcement. Members will please register before leaving the room.

The next item of business is the report of the International Secretary, Mr. Doeblin.

MR. DOEBLIN: Wouldn't it be wiser to have this report unread?

THE PRESIDENT: If the members will please come to order we have the report to listen to; Mr. Doeblin.

The report of the International Secretary, Mr. E. Doeblin, was read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

For the last time I submit to you my report as International Secretary of your Association, an office which I have held for many long years. I am glad to be present at this convention and see many well-known faces and shake the hand of many a good friend; I am glad that the convention takes place in historic old Boston town, rich in memories as no second city in America, proud of its culture and thriving in industry and wealth; I am glad that our Association is in such splendid condition, foresaging only good for its future career, and I am glad that I can turn over the office to my successor with the best hopes for the future. I realize that I had the sinecure of this office so long, that I have waxed fat on the income from salary and fees and can now retire to my palaces and country estates and spend my days in happy leisure. It is not only an honor to be International Secretary for thirteen or fourteen years.

There have been no startling features connected with my administration during the past year, only the usual routine business was transacted. A few members from abroad were added to our swelling list. I do hope that the new Secretary will get no gray hairs as I did whilst labouring in this capacity. But in severing my official relations with our Association, I wish to say that the conventions which I have attended faithfully

whenever possible, have been a source of great pleasure to me, to which I looked forward all the year, and that my interest in the society and in the science it represents will never wane but increase from year to year.

Yours very truly,

E. DOEBLIN.

P. S. Remember: The *Vertrauliche Korrespondenz Blatt*.

MR. DOEBLIN: Here is a bill for the *Vertrauliche Korrespondenz Blatt*, and I hand to the new secretary that will be elected the first application for membership. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: This report will be received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. EATON: Mr. Doebelin, I want to say that I will not have as many gray hairs as you have got from being International Secretary, because I shall not be there for twenty-three years.

MR. DOEBLIN: Thirteen.

THE PRESIDENT: The next in order is the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents, Mr. Mudge, Chairman.

The report of the Board of Vice-Presidents was read by Mr. Mudge, as follows, and referred to the Committee on By-laws:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

CHICAGO, August 2d, 1906.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENERAL REVIEW.

This Board was organized after its election by the Board of Directors, by the election of H. N. Mudge as Chairman and Henry Ades Fowler as Clerk.

Since our last quarterly report as published in the Official Journal of June 9th, 1906, the Board has received objections to two applicants for admission to the Association, the objections in the case of one being sustained, and the other being now under investigation. We also have had charges brought against two members, said charges not being sustained in one case, and the other being now under investigation.

For the entire year, we have received objections to the admission of six applicants. Four of these applicants were rejected for what seemed to be the best interests of the Association, after evidence on both sides was taken and carefully weighed. Objections in one case were not sustained and applicant was allowed to become a member, and one case, as has been stated, is now under investigation. The complaints against members have been seven in number, of which one case, after being investigated, was referred to the Board of Directors for the necessary discipline, two cases, during investigation, got beyond our jurisdiction by the parties complained of being dropped for non-payment of dues, two cases were adjusted to the satisfaction of the parties concerned, complaint in one case was not sustained and one is being investigated.

The affairs of the Sales Department for 1904-'05 under the administration of W. O. Staab, having been referred by the Twentieth Annual Convention to the Board of Vice-Presidents for final disposition, we, under date of November 11th, 1905, made an exhaustive report in the matter, which report was duly published in the Official Journal, and latter in the Year Book for 1905. In that report we showed an indebtedness by members to the department of \$132.03, and claims for a stolen, or lost, book, and for loss sustained by the abstraction of two pages from a book. These two claims have been adjusted with the owners of the books by drawing warrants on the insurance fund for \$167.80 and \$5.50 respectively. The cash indebtedness has been wiped out by the collection of \$102.38 by the present superintendent, and by drawing on the insurance fund for the balance which proved uncollectable account of death and for other causes, and which balance amounted to \$26.69 after deducting \$2.96 for commission. This completely winds up the affairs of the Staab administration.

UNSOLICITED APPROVAL SELECTIONS.

The Twentieth Annual Convention, having unqualifiedly placed on record its disapproval of the practice of sending to members and applicants unsolicited approval selections, the matter was referred to this Board for such action as they saw fit to take, with the end in view of effectually stopping the abuse. We have given the question serious

investigation and study, and as an aid to arriving at some effectual but just conclusion, in our second quarterly report to the stockholders, we asked suggestions from members. To this invitation but two replies were received that seemed to us to have an approach to practicability.

One of these was to the effect that the full addresses of applicants should not be published, and that steps should be taken to prevent the Year Book from getting into the hands of any one but members of the Association. Inasmuch as this question of the publication of addresses has been discussed more or less in conventions, and inasmuch as the suppression of addresses, even if desirable from other points of view, would, in our estimation, but partially serve the purpose in view, we merely mention the matter for such consideration as this convention may care to give it.

The other suggestion received was in line with what our own analysis of the situation had about led us up to, and which we have since come to the conclusion is the only way to put a stop to the practice of sending unsolicited approval selections. That is to expel a member guilty of persisting in the practice of sending unsolicited approval selections to members, or to applicants for membership. We therefore recommend that legislation to that end be enacted at this convention and that said legislation take the form of a change in By-laws as follows: Insert clause, adapting what follows, at the end of the sixteenth line of Section 2 of Article II (page 6-1905 Year Book) so that the section beginning with the second sentence shall read as follows:

All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Association shall be addressed in writing, accompanied by affidavit of the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and report their findings thereon to the Board, except in case of the sending of unsolicited approval selections, which offense shall be dealt with as provided in Section 3, this article; and the Board of Directors may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member and declare his stock forfeited to the Association, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Directors deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next convention, except as provided in Section 3, and such convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. A member sending unsolicited approval selections to another member, or to an applicant for membership, shall, on complaint of an applicant or member to the Board of Vice-Presidents with all necessary proof, be warned by the said Board of Vice-Presidents, if the truth of the complaint shall be established, to discontinue the practice. Should the member, after receiving such warning, be complained of a second time for the same offense, either by the first complainant or by another, and should the charge be substantiated, the Board of Vice-Presidents shall expel such member, and shall certify the fact to the Secretary, who must thereupon proceed accordingly, and such member's stock shall be forfeited to the Association. Should the member so expelled feel that the action of the Board of Vice-Presidents was not warranted by the facts, said member may, within fifteen days after receipt of notice of his expulsion from the Secretary by registered mail, appeal to the Board of Directors through its President for a review of the findings of the Board of Vice-Presidents, and the President shall submit all papers in the case to each Director and proceed, according to Section 5, Article IV, to take a vote on the question as to whether unsolicited approval selections were or were not sent, after the warning provided for in this section, by the person expelled and making the appeal. If by a majority vote of the Board of Directors the member shall be deemed not guilty of the charge, he shall be reinstated by the Secretary without further formality. In the case of a stamp company, any or all of the executives of such company, who may be members of the Association, may be considered the offending member within the provisions of this section, and be dealt with accordingly.

In the practical operation of this law, if adopted, the co-operation of those who earnestly wish to see the abuse of sending unsolicited approval selections abolished is essential from two classes,—the applicant for admission to the Association, and the members themselves. To reach the former our plan would be to secure the consent of the Board of Directors to put a conspicuous detachable rider on the application blank, said rider to be retained by the applicant and to read as follows:

TO BE DETACHED AND RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT.

The American Philatelic Association disapproves the sending of unsolicited approval selections of stamps, and earnestly solicits your co-operation in bringing to its attention any or all receipts of such by you, in order that if the sender be a member of the Association he may be properly dealt with according to the law of the Association which prohibits such practice. Send to the Vice-Presidents (the one who proposes you will advise how to reach them, and he also may act in the matter for you if mutually agreeable) the envelope, letter, printed circular, or other communication received with the stamps, and advise as to date received, whether accompanied by return postage, the nature and

value of the consignment, terms, and any other matters bearing on the transaction that will aid the formulating of a case against the sender. *Do not send the stamps to the Vice-Presidents.*

To secure the co-operation of members, pending the publication of the Year Book, we would publish in the Official Journal a statement as to the law and give instructions along the lines of those given above for the guidance of applicants.

THE SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The annual report of the Sales Superintendent, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, has been made to us in accordance with the By-laws, Article VII, Section 4, Paragraph c, and we herewith submit it as a portion of this, our report, we having, in accordance with the same law, audited his books and found them to be correct and the condition of the business of the Sales Department to be as shown by the Superintendent's report.

The affairs of the Sales Department have been in a very satisfactory condition during the past year in regard to such matters as losses and complaints. The Board of Vice-Presidents have not been called upon to draw a warrant for any amount whatever on the insurance fund account of the past year's business, as conducted by Mr. Wolsieffer, neither has it received a single complaint against the department from members, or against a member on the part of the Superintendent. The financial showing for the year is fully set forth in the Superintendent's report, and we simply call attention to three significant facts shown therein; namely, that the year closes without any indebtedness to the department on the part of members, that the number of books received and circulated, and their value, is greatly in excess of that of any previous year, and that the per cent. of sales on books retired was practically 25 per cent., a considerable increase on last year's sales. The Sales Superintendent makes three recommendations, to which we beg to call your attention. These are, the elimination of the last sentence of Paragraph j, (Page 12 of 1905 Year Book) Section 4, Article VII, the increase of the insurance rate from one-half of one per cent. to one per cent., and the confining of the circulation of books to the United States. The first of these, referring to the By-laws, reads as follows:

Whenever a book shall have been in circulation for the period of three months, he (the Sales Superintendent) shall render a quarterly report to the owner of such book until it shall be retired.

We concur in Mr. Wolsieffer's recommendation that this be eliminated from the By-laws, believing that the demand for such an accounting is but slight, and that its benefit is entirely incommensurate with the vast amount of detail labor involved in carrying it out.

As the question of the insurance rate is one that has been considerably discussed at previous conventions, and as the matter of confining the circulation of books to the United States is one possibly involving a broad question of Association policy, we simply submit the matters to the Association for its consideration. In doing so, however, we beg to call attention to the fact that their recommendation by the Sales Superintendent has been based on close observation and careful consideration growing out of his experiences of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. MUDGE,
ALEX. HOLLAND,
HENRY ADES FOWLER,

Board of Vice-Presidents.

MR. MUDGE: I have also here the report of the Sales Superintendent, which forms a part of this report.

THE PRESIDENT: That will now be received.

Mr. Mudge read the report of the Sales Superintendent, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Sales Department and the Committee on By-laws:

REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

CHICAGO, August 3, 1906.

To the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the By-laws, Article VII, Section 4, Paragraph c, my annual report for the Sales Department is now due and herewith submitted.

By adding together the 20 reports during the past year as given in the Official Jour-

nal from time to time, the sum total of that period can be easily determined, and besides being a check on the Superintendent, it is also a check on very serious errors creeping in, as well as an easy method of making up a yearly report.

In these occasional reports I have tried to keep the members informed of all important points concerning the Sales Department, suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the department, as well as calling attention to many abuses and violations of the Rules and By-laws governing the Sales Department.

The most common, as well as the most serious offences, are the careless handling and forwarding of circuits, and also the holding of circuits over time, members frequently detaining two to four circuits and then forwarding all at once.

Other infractions of the rules are not so serious but none the less important, are the withholding of the green report blanks and white circuit sheets, compelling the next member to write a letter in reference to it; also delays in reporting to the Superintendent with remittance, the very frequent shortage of a few cents, the personal check, especially for small amounts, sending ungummed miscellaneous uncanceled stamps, etc., etc., all of which may seem but small matters, yet in the aggregate amount to considerable cash value and extra time in correspondence to adjust them.

It has been customary to include but 8 books in a circuit, but I have increased all circuits to 10 books, giving the members a selection of 1,200 instead of 960 stamps as before, and have sent to 10 or more members on a circuit, thus raising the percentage to 20 per cent. more stamps per circuit and 20 per cent. and over more circulation for each circuit. The postage was only increased two cents by the addition of the two extra books.

I would suggest to the By-laws Committee to recommend that the insurance rate be increased from one-half of one per cent. to at least one per cent. We are assuming too great a risk in insuring against "everything" at present low rate. We have had several very narrow escapes this year for being held for losses far greater than our present entire fund. I feel safe in saying no insurance company in the world would accept such a risk at so low a rate, and I have yet to hear of a company that would accept it at all. Our circuits are on the go continuously back and forth over the entire United States and Canada. At the time of the terrible calamity on the Pacific Coast the Association had nine circuits there valued at nearly \$3,000.00, and we were more than fortunate to escape without the loss of a single circuit, as well as losses in other localities from fires, wrecks, thefts and the like.

When over one hundred circuits of 10 books each, valued at about \$30,000.00, are continuously circulating for the period of from six to twelve months per circuit, it can be readily understood the great risk we are assuming.

Another point to be considered is, shall this Association continue to send circuits outside the United States? The greatest delay and risk is in forwarding to Canada, the red tape of the Custom House regulations being largely responsible. Packages mailed or shipped by express are refused if sealed, and if sent out subject to inspection by officials not used to handling stamps, are subject to damage or loss. In addition, if sent by express they demand value, triplicate statements, declaration of ownership, etc.

I would further suggest to the By-laws Committee the striking out of the latter part of Article VII, Section 4, Paragraph j, which says:

"Whenever a book shall have been in circulation for the period of three months he shall render a quarterly report to the owner of such book until it shall be retired."

That is a useless requirement and can only be done by the Superintendent opening up a separate account with each book sent to the department, picking out from each report slip what had been reported as taken from each book, posting it to said separate account, and would require the services of an extra clerk to keep the 1200 or more separate accounts which technically this part of said section calls for. The majority of members who send in books know it takes from eight to twelve months to give them proper circulation and do not expect any report till books are retired with check for the amount sold.

Any By-laws that will decrease the work of the department should be encouraged, but the above section referred to, if carried into effect, would far more than double the already heavy task of circulating and keeping a correct account of the business of the department.

There was but little doing in the way of sales before October and this report brings the business of the department down to July 26th, not quite 10 months.

Total number of books received:

From previous Superintendent	121, priced at	\$ 3,376.73
From members	1,036, " "	28,863.79
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	1,157	\$32,240.52
No. of books retired	159 " "	4,549.00
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In circulation (none on hand)	998 " "	\$27,691.52

Sales from books retired were \$1,127.30, being 24.781 per cent. of their value.

Insurance on books received from previous Superintendent, 121 priced at \$3,376.73 at one-half of 1 per cent. was \$16.88 remitted to the Treasurer by previous Superintendent. Of these books 114 have been retired, leaving 7 still in circulation. Insurance on 45 new books retired valued at \$1,390.10 was \$7.10 while I sent the Treasurer on account \$50.54, having overpaid on the Insurance Fund the sum of \$43.44.

Balance Sheet.

Total sales from 159 books retired	\$1,127.30
Total sales from 998 books in circulation	4,584.63
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	\$5,711.93
Overpaid on account of Insurance Fund	\$ 43.44
Commission on books retired	112.73
Remitted members, for retired books	989.59
Cash in First National Bank	2,786.17
Cash in First Trust & Savings Bank	800.00
Cash in Maywood Trust & Savings Bank	521.54
Cash in National Bank of the Republic	458.46
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	\$5,711.93

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, *Superintendent.*

MR. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, just a word. There seems to be a desire on the part of a good many to go down to Wonderland and have supper, so the first party will leave the hotel entrance—the entrance, mind you—at six o'clock. I would like to have you get your tickets through the day if you can. Another party will leave at seven o'clock. Others will leave when they choose. I have also been asked about the boats to-morrow. We shall probably have to have two boats. They leave Hecht's Wharf, which is between the South Station and Rowe's Wharf. I have sent up to find if I can get more specific directions, but we shall leave at quarter of two, to-morrow. To-night, at six o'clock, for those who would like to have supper at Wonderland, seven o'clock for those who would rather have supper here. All are invited to go on either occasion. Tickets this way. No tickets at all are required for to-morrow.

The report of the Librarian was read by the Secretary, as follows, and referred to the Committee on Library:

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

August 4, 1906.

Mr. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa:

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your letter of July 16, I beg to hand you herewith the only item there is to report concerning the library of the American Philatelic Association.

The library of the American Philatelic Association now numbers 269 volumes, one book having been added since the date of the last report.

The actual reports on the library have always been compiled by Mr. Deats, and we have no data except that given.

Very truly yours,

ANDERSON H. HOPKINS, *Librarian C. M.*

The report of the Assistant Librarian was read, as follows, and referred to the Committee on Library:

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

VERONA, PA., August 8, 1906.

To the Board of Directors, American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—Aside from the receipt of a few unimportant inquiries, the Assistant Librarian has no business to report for the year now ending.

I attribute the lack of interest in the library of the Association to the fact that the members are unfamiliar with the rules governing the distribution of books, and I recommend accordingly that arrangements be made to have the rules and the catalogue printed together for circulation.

No expenditures having been made, I send herewith New York draft for \$34.50, the amount on hand at the beginning of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. BURGOYNE, *Assistant Librarian.*

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY.

The report of the Attorney, H. D. Watson, was read by the Secretary, as follows, and ordered placed on file:

NEW YORK, July, 1906.

To the American Philatelic Association:

I hereby report on the following business placed in my hands during the year:

Claims received	12
Claims paid in cash or settled by return of stamps	6
Claims uncollected	3
Suits pending	2
Claims being paid in installments	1

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. WATSON.

The report of the Examiner of Sales Books, F. N. Massoth, was read, as follows, and ordered placed on file:

REPORT OF THE EXAMINER OF SALES BOOKS.

August 11, 1906.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—As Examiner of the Sales Books I have little to report. All books submitted for examination by the Superintendent of the Sales Department, were carefully examined to the best of my ability, and such specimens that were found in my estimation as objectionable for circulation were ordered to be removed from the books by the Superintendent.

Members placing stamps in the department cannot be too careful to price their stamps correctly, and avoid the circulation of reprints.

Respectfully submitted,

F. N. MASSOTH, *Examiner of Sales Books.*

The report of J. M. Bartels, Counterfeit Detector, was read, as follows, and ordered placed on file:

REPORT OF THE COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.

The work of the Counterfeit Detector during the past year has been up to the usual average. 130 stamps were submitted by members for examination of which 74 were in every way what they purported to be, 50 were counterfeits, and 3 reprints, while in 3 cases no definite opinion was given.

Among the most dangerous counterfeits of special interest which came to light during the past year were excellent imitations in various shades and blocks of the early issues of Sweden. Both types of the Bocas del Toro surcharge on Panama stamps were very cleverly imitated a little over a year ago, but few, if any, have reached the American market. We may say with some degree of satisfaction that the counterfeiting of stamps is gradually decreasing. With the great increase in philatelic knowledge and literature the difficulty of marketing anything in the shape of a forgery is being felt more and more and the effect has been most discouraging to would-be counterfeiters.

The number of members who make use of this department is not what it should be. If more would avail themselves of the advantages here offered they would often be spared the annoyance of discovering counterfeits among their treasured specimens.

J. M. BARTELS.

The report of the Expert Committee, John N. Luff, Chairman, was read by the Secretary, as follows, and ordered placed on file:

REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE.

NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 2, 1906.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—

In behalf of the Expert Committee, I have to report that two stamps have been submitted to us for examination during the past year.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN N. LUFF, *Chairman.*

THE SECRETARY: I think Mr. Luff sent a letter in connection with this, which was intended for myself, but he strongly recommended that the committee be abolished.

THE PRESIDENT: This report will be received. The next report is the report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature. The Chairman is not able to be here and the report will be read by Mr. Deats.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

The Committee on Philatelic Literature herewith submits its eighth annual report on publications appearing the past year bearing upon stamps.

The most important book to appear was the first part of a new and enlarged edition of that standard work upon counterfeits, "Album Weeds," by Rev. Robert B. Earee, which is to be completed in two volumes. The first volume, covering Afghanistan to Luxenburg, has appeared and can be had of the publishers—Stanley Gibbons Co.—for \$2.40. It is a 580 page 8vo.

The second edition of "Sveriges Frankotecken" (The Postal Issues of Sweden), appeared the latter part of last year and can be obtained from the Swedish Philatelic Society's American representative,—our fellow member, L. Harald Kjellstadt, Scranton, Pa., for \$3.15. It is a valuable work of 322 pages for those who can read Swedish and those who cannot will be pleased to learn that Mr. Kjellstadt is at work on a translation for the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., who have secured permission to produce an English translation, and after it has run serially in the *American Journal of Philately* it will appear in book form.

The most valuable contribution bearing upon the stamps of our own country to appear recently is Mr. Victor M. Berthold's exhaustive treatise, "The Die Varieties of the Nesbitt Series of United States Envelope." It is a work of 106 pages and can be had in either paper or cloth from the publishers—Scott Stamp & Coin Co.—for \$1.00 for the former style and \$1.50 for the latter.

An exceedingly valuable book for those who cannot afford the more expensive work of Mr. Luff's is the "Postage Stamps of the United States of America," by Fred J. Melville. It contains 116 pages replete with information and an especially noticeable and valuable feature is the twelve collotype plates illustrating the various issues. It can be had post free for forty cents of H. F. Johnson, 4 Portland Place North, Clapham, S. W. London, England.

"The Stamp Designs of Eastern Asia," by C. A. Howes, which originally appeared serially in the *American Journal of Philately*, has been issued in book form by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., and is an extremely interesting work of 78 pages, fully illustrated, and is sold at fifty cents.

The 1905 edition of the *Stamp Collectors' Annual*, edited by Percy C. Bishop, was published by Chas. Niessan & Co., 7 Southampton Row, London, Eng., from whom it can be obtained for a shilling (25 cts.) and is more than worth the price. It consists of 120 pages and contains among others, articles on the "Stamps of St. Helena," "The Stamps of Prince Edwards Island," and "Some Historical English Essays and Postal Drawings."

"The Postage Stamps of Sarawak," by B. W. H. Poole is a valuable monograph and can be had of the publishers, D. Field, London, Eng., for one shilling (25 cts.) By the same author is the little work, "The Postage Stamps of Seychelles," which can be obtained at the same price of Oswald Marsh, London, Eng.

The Stanley Gibbons Co. have sent forth an interesting book of nearly two hundred pages entitled "Fifty Years of Philately." It is from the pen of Chas. J. Phillips. I am unable to state the price.

A new edition of "Verzeichnis über Postwertzeichen von Schweden" has been recently issued. It is an illustrated catalog arranged on specialized lines of Swedish stamps, and altho in German is published by the Swedish Philatelic Society. It can be had of L. Harald Kjellstadt, Scranton, Pa., for thirty cents. This gentleman states that in connection with Helmer Djurling he has compiled "An English-Swedish, French-Swedish, German-Swedish Philatelic Dictionary" which will soon be published by the Swedish Philatelic Society.

"The Stamps of the Duchy of Modena and the Modenese Provinces" was issued by the publishers of the *Philatelic Record* and can be obtained for five shillings (\$1.20) from G. F. H. Gibson, Fairfield, Crumpsall, Manchester, England. It is a work of 144 pages, illustrated with seven plates and is by that well known authority on all Italian stamp matters, our fellow member, Dr. Emilio Diena.

The London Society has recently sent forth the third part of their work on British Africa. It contains 459 pages and 30 plates and is published for the society by the Stanley Gibbons Co. from whom it can be obtained for £2 (\$9.75).

The Unadhesive Stamps of Great Britain" is an 86 page pamphlet published and compiled by H. L'Estrange Ewen, and is well worth the price asked, 2s. 6d. (62 cts.)

From the same source comes the first part of a new edition of "A Catalogue of Railway Letter Stamps." It contains 96 pages and is devoted to this class of stamps of England and Wales. The price is 2s. 6d. (62 cts.)

The Official Stamps of Great Britain by I. J. Bernstein, contains 19 pages of information upon this subject and can be obtained of G. F. H. Gibson, Fairfield, Crumpsall, Manchester, England, for a shilling (25 cts.)

It is said that there is no other work which covers the entire field of philately as Haas' *Lehrbuch der Briefmarkenkunde*, but with the exception of the review from which this quotation was made, I have seen no further notice, but understand it was published about Jan. 1, 1906.

South African Postcards, by B. W. Warhurst, published by Walter T. Wilson, 22 St. Michaels Road, Leeds, Eng., from whom it can be obtained, is a valuable little work for card collectors. Postpaid 5 cts.

No list of philatelic publications would be complete without noting our own year book—The American Philatelist Vol. XIX, which can be obtained of the secretary by non-members for 25 cents.

The Metropolitan Philatelic Association also produced a year book of sixty pages. Besides a membership roster and other official matter, it contains an article by R. E. Ramsey, published for the association by its president, Rev. H. Wendt, Dunlop, Ia.

A new color chart has been issued in Germany, and the critics seem to differ on its merits. It appears under the title "Germania Handbuch No. 1 Farbtafeln." There are ten pages of text and thirty-three plates of colors. It is published by P. Ohrt, Dusseldorf, and is sold for \$3.75.

"Stamps on Original Covers" is a neat priced catalog of 60 pages issued by W. T. Wilson, 292 Birchfield Road, Birmingham, England, from whom it can be had for the asking.

H. L'Estrange Ewen, 32 Palace Square, Norwood, London S. E., published a work on British Postmarks which can be had for 3s. 9d. (90 cts.).

Of interest to the collector of philatelic literature is Price List No. 2 issued by Victor Marsh, 389 Brixton Road, London, England, offering as it does many old and out-of-print volumes.

The usual quota of catalogs have appeared during the year. Perhaps the greatest of these is the Official Catalog of the French Society, the second edition of which was issued last fall. It contains some nineteen hundred pages and including surcharge fac-

similes has over ten thousand illustrations. Several countries have been entirely rewritten and in each case by a specialist. The United States portion is by John N. Luff. Published by Plon, Nourrit & Co., 8 Rue Granelere, Paris, price 4 fr. (76 cts.); Scott's 56 edition, with nearly 800 pages, 50 cents; Kohl's 1906 edition, 1,100 pages, price 4 m; Whetfield King's 6th edition, 1s. 6d; Senf's (Part 1 Adhesives) 1906, 4 m.; Stanley Gibbons, 1906, two parts, 66 cts. and 68 cts. respectively, and Yllert Tellier's \$1.00, were among those appearing. It is said that the part 2 of the Stanley Gibbons catalog with American prices will be out by the time our convention meets. In nearly every case, postage extra on catalogs.

Of especial interest to the collectors of philatelic journals is the check list of English philatelic papers which is running serially in the *Philatelic Inter Ocean*.

In journals the finest appearing new arrival is *Elder's Monthly*, which, however, is only partially devoted to stamps, the greatest portion being given up to numismatics.

The *Columbus Philatelist*, which suspended several years ago, resumed publication and promised to be a welcome addition.

During the year the following papers either suspended or were consolidated with others:

Collectors' World, Walla Walla, Wash.
Collector, Northfield, Vt.
Exchange, Kirksville, Mo.
Juvenile Philatelist, Denver, Col.
Revenue Philatelist, Seco, Me.
Star, Haverhill, Mass.
Western Stamp News, So. Bend, Ind.

The subjoined list includes a list of journals now published in the English language:

UNITED STATES.

<i>American Journal of Philately</i> , New York .....	.50
<i>Chicago Stamp News</i> , Chicago .....	.25
<i>Columbus Philatelist</i> , Columbus .....	.25
<i>Erwin's Phil. Advertiser</i> , So. Bend, Ind. ....	.50
<i>Metropolitan Philatelist</i> , New York .....	.25
<i>Perforator</i> , Federalsburg, Md. ....	.30
<i>Phil. Advertiser</i> , Ithaca, N. Y. ....	.25
<i>Phil. Star</i> , Madison, N. Y. ....	.25
<i>Phil. West &c.</i> , Superior, Nebr. ....	.50
<i>Phil. Inter Ocean</i> , Waterloo, Ia. ....	.25
<i>Stamp Lover's Weekly</i> , Bethlehem, Pa. ....	.50
<i>McKeel's Weekly Stamp News</i> , New York .....	.50

Papers not Philatelic but regularly carrying either a stamp department or articles upon stamps:

<i>Conewago Curio</i> , Hanover, Pa. ....	.15
<i>Elder's Monthly</i> , New York City .....	.50
<i>Hobbies</i> , Sioux City, Ia. ....	.25
<i>Journal</i> , Diller, Nebr. ....	.25
<i>Lodge Record</i> , Benson, Minn. ....	.25
<i>Philocartist News</i> , Stillwater, Okla. ....	.50

ENGLAND.

<i>Bric-a-Brac</i> , West Hoatley, Sussex .....	.25
<i>Collectors' Advertiser</i> , Rotherham .....	.18
<i>Ewen's Weekly Stamp News</i> , London	1.50
<i>London Philatelist</i> , Effingham House, London W. C.	1.44
<i>Morley's Philatelic Journal</i> , Catford S. E. London .....	.60
<i>Monthly Circular</i> (Smith & Sons), London .....	.25
<i>Monthly Circular</i> (W. H. Reagan), London .....	.25
<i>Philatelic Chronicle & Advertiser</i> , Birmingham .....	.25
<i>Philatelic Circular</i> (Smythe), Boscombe, Bournemouth .....	.25
<i>Philatelic Exchange & Mart</i> , Guernsey .....	.36
<i>Philatelic Journal of Great Britain</i> , London .....	.60
<i>Philatelic Record</i> , Manchester	1.25
<i>Philatelic Trader and Fraud Reporter</i> , Egremont .....	.25
<i>Stamp and Post Card Advertiser</i> , Salisbury .....	.12

<i>Stamp Collector</i> , Birmingham	50
<i>Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly</i> , London	78
<i>Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal</i> , London	50
<i>Stanley Gibbons Stamp Weekly</i> , London	1.60
<i>West End Philatelist</i> , London	36
<i>World's Exchange</i> , Kelvedon, Essex	20

CANADA.

<i>Dominion Philatelist & Canadian Youth, Toronto</i> .....	.25
<i>Stamp Lore, Berlin</i> .....	.25

AUSTRALIA.

<i>Australian Philatelist</i> , Sydney, N. S. W. ....	.75
<i>Stamp Collectors' Advertiser</i> , Christ Church, N. Z. ....	.62

INDIA.

<i>Philatelic Journal of India</i> , Calcutta	1.50
<i>Stamps</i> , Calcutta .....	.25

The report of the Obituary Committee was read, as follows, and ordered received and printed:

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 20, 1906.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—During the past year, the Association has lost by death five of its members. The average mortality since there has been any annual record kept differs by so small a fraction from this number, that it is now as practically certain, as any human rule can be, that each convention will mark the passing of five of our associates.

W. P. Kelly, No. 1574, died at his home, 3222 Peery Ave., Kansas City, Mo., on June 3, 1906, after a struggle of several months against pneumonia. Although only twenty-five, Mr. Kelley was President of the Kansas Society, and Secretary of the Southern Philatelic Association; and had of recent years been prominent at the annual meetings of those bodies. He was present at our 20th convention in Minneapolis in 1905, and there won the regards of many by the same earnest, though quiet sincerity of disposition which had made for him many warm friends among acquaintances of longer standing.

Rudolf Schmidt, No. 2030, died at Spearville, Kansas, on August 31, 1905. We have been unable to get into communication with the surviving members of his family, or any one who could give us detailed information, but we understand that Mr. Schmidt's philatelic effects were disposed of at once for the benefit of the widow.

Herman Stein, No. 401, died in New York City, on July 28, 1905, of heart failure, leaving him surviving a widow, and a son, a Lexington Avenue photographer. Mr. Stein was born Feb. 22, 1846, in Germany; but came to this country while still young, and served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He began dealing in wholesale tobacco, and so continued until his death. Becoming interested in Philately in 1900, he made a collection of United States Postage and Revenues, which he sold in 1903. Immediately thereafter he began a new collection of foreign revenues, which aroused his interest even to the specialization point of shades, plate numbers, blocks, and strips; the collection growing until it occupied eight blank albums. The son in whose hands the revenues now are for disposal, writes that Mr. Stein was in every sense of the word, a stamp crank, and devoted all his spare time to the hobby.

Nathan P. Strause, No. 1246, died in Florida, on January 29, 1906, of a sudden hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Strause was born in Richmond, Va., March 15, 1866, and after a classical school education entered the tobacco business. He moved in 1889 from Danville, Va., to Henderson, N. C., and in 1899 accepted the position of manager for Wisconsin of the American Tobacco (Cigar) Company, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a prominent Mason, and the president of the Henderson Telephone Company. He married in Henderson on June 19, 1901, Miss Bessie Shaw, who, with a brother, two daughters, and a son, survive him. Mr. Strause's stamp collecting began at school, the period of dormant interest lasted in his case for ten years, and was finally terminated by the chance picking up in a street of Henderson a batch of Confederate stamps which perhaps accounted for the fact that Confederate locals were afterwards among the strongest features of his collection. He contributed a history of the Emory,

Va., Provisional, to the *Virginia Philatelist* in February, 1898, and a sketch and picture of him appeared in the March, 1898, number of the same magazine, (Vol. 1, Page 125.) Since marriage, he had paid little attention to his stamps, and at the time of his death, they were in Boston and New York for dealers examination preparatory to a sale.

Bache McL. Whitlock, No. 1662, died in New York City, August 4, 1905. We have received no reply from the persons whom we addressed for information concerning him, and we ask leave to incorporate in our report any relevant matter which may come to us concerning him, or any of the other members up to the time of printing.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON IRELAND,
EDW. DEZ. KELLEY,
L. T. BRODSTONE.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

THE PRESIDENT: I will announce the appointment of the following committees:

Sales Department—Fowler, Johnson and Rothfuchs.

Official Journal—Bartlett, Sawyer and Carpenter.

By-Laws—Stone, Mudge, Burt, Wolsieffer and Deats.

Library—Severn, Kelley and Wylie.

Finance—Rosenthal, Wylie and Prevost.

Branch Societies—Michael, Bescher and Doeblin.

Resolutions—Deats, Chandler and Rich.

THE PRESIDENT: I would urge upon the committees that they attend to their duties as far as possible before the session to-morrow morning, in order that we may clear off as much legislation as we can to-morrow, so as to give the Committee on By-laws a chance to occupy the greater part of the third session, which is generally needed.

MR. BATCHELDER: If there is any one present who has not tickets for this afternoon it is not my fault. If there is any lady present who has not had a gentleman to speak for her, I would like to see her privately. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: If there are any members who have not registered, kindly remember to do so before leaving the room. I want to call attention also to the literature on the table at my left. There are guide books of Boston contributed by the *Boston Transcript*, and a goodly assortment of the souvenir postal cards of the convention, contributed by the New England Stamp Company. Please help yourselves.

MR. BURT: I have placed upon the table some souvenir cards of Mt. Washington which I shall be glad to have the members take.

THE PRESIDENT: If the members will wait they will have an opportunity to get these cards at the close of the meeting. We would like to get through our business as rapidly as possible.

I find that I have omitted the report of one of our most important committees, the Recruiting Committee, Mr. Rosenthal, Chairman. If the members will please come to order we will soon finish the business of the session.

MR. BATCHELDER: Several people have said to me, "What fine weather!" Now, I want to say for the benefit of those people who do not belong in this vicinity, that from the first day of June to the 15th day of October we have weather like this all the time. (Laughter and cries of "Oh!" "Hit him with a brick.") We occasionally have a shower, but those showers always come at the end of a rather warm day. If we have a hot day we are sure to have a cool, refreshing shower at night.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Rosenthal has the floor.

Mr. Rosenthal read the report of the Recruiting Committee, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

CHICAGO, August 14, 1906.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

This Committee, now consisting of 25 members, was appointed in August and September, 1905. Owing to the fact that the Committee is composed of members residing in widely separated sections of the United States, it was not feasible to meet and operate in a body. The Chairman, therefore, took it upon himself to prepare suitable stationery and literature.

A circular letter was sent to every member of the Association. Enclosed were postal cards on which the members were asked to give the names of stamp collecting friends who might be induced to join the Association. By means of these postal cards, as well as other communications, 101 members sent in a total of 876 names of prospective members. The Chairman has mailed booklets, application blanks, etc., to these 876 individuals.

In all cases, where applications were returned, signed and accompanied by cash, the Chairman took the liberty of signing, as proposer, the name of the member who originally sent in the name of the prospective. In this manner, members received full credit for their missionary work.

In addition to the above, approximately 150 booklets, several hundred applications, etc., were mailed by other members of the Recruiting Committee from their respective localities.

The Chairman of this Committee shall not weary you with a complete and detailed report of statistics of new members, as this information has already been given in the report of the Secretary. Attention, however, is drawn to the fact that, in the past year, we made a net gain of 155 members. During the previous year, our net gain was 64 members, and in the year previous to that, only 48.

The large increase this year was due to several causes. The principal cause was the splendid activity of Messrs. Wolsieffer, Eaton, Kelley and Johnson. These four gentlemen alone secured 108 new members, approximately one-half of the new members obtained during the year. The labors of the Recruiting Committee had nothing whatever to do with the work of these four gentlemen, as they would have secured as many members whether this Committee had been in existence or not.

It seems, however, that the Recruiting Committee did prove instrumental in arousing a general enthusiasm among the rank and file of the members and, in this manner, a great many members secured one or two applicants.

The total expense of conducting this Committee for the past year was \$98.04, of which \$61.70 was spent for printing and supplies, and \$36.34 for postage.

Various members of the Committee wrote the Chairman frequently during the year offering suggestions as to conducting the work, as well as requesting literature to be sent them in quantities, which, in turn, they mailed direct to prospectives in their vicinity. These gentlemen are entitled to our full appreciation for their earnest endeavors.

The Chairman takes the liberty of recommending that a similar committee be appointed next year with, however, a larger membership, and that an appropriation of not less than \$150.00 be made at this convention for use during the coming year. With this sum, it seems feasible to prepare sufficient stationery so that every member desiring same, could receive a reasonable quantity for his own distribution.

The Chairman further believes that it should be the function of the Recruiting Committee to communicate with all members at frequent intervals so as to arouse and keep up a general and widespread enthusiasm on the subject of securing new members. If this is done, we should pass the thousand mark ere our next convention.

RECRUITING COMMITTEE,

Per EDWARD M. ROSENTHAL, *Chairman*.

THE PRESIDENT: This report will be received. I want to call attention to the fact that Mr. Rosenthal stated that he had received the names of eight hundred and seventy-six persons who were possible desirable members. Of these we have enrolled only two hundred and twenty-six. The other six hundred and fifty ought to be looked after. We have got to do it this year. We want a thousand members sure, by the next convention, and I don't care how many more you get. The more the merrier. The Recruiting Committee has got a good work cut out for it, and with the excellent start which we have

made this last year it ought to be a little easier going, but still we can't sit back in our chairs and wait for the members to come to us; we have got to go out and hustle.

The Secretary has some communications.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

DENVER, COLORADO, August 16, 1906.

*American Philatelic Association in convention assembled, care D. T. Eaton, Secretary,
Hotel Bellevue, Beacon Street, Boston.*

Denver sends greetings and best wishes.

THE DENVER STAMP CLUB, H. A. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

THE PRESIDENT: The Press Committee requests that if any of the members have brought their own photographs along that they will kindly turn them in to the Secretary. the newspapers are looking for them.

MR. MUDGE: Mr. President, I suspect it is the police that really want them.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

- MAZOMANIE, WIS., Aug. 13.

American Philatelic Association, care Hotel Bellevue, Boston:

Greeting. Best wishes for a record breaking convention.

EBEN S. MARTIN.

MR. BURT: Most of you are aware that Mr. Martin is still suffering from the effects of a serious railroad accident which he sustained some time ago and which has prevented him from being with us at this time, a fact which those who remember his kindness and attention to us at the convention in Minneapolis a year ago will much regret. I move that we send Mr. Martin a telegram of thanks for his greetings, and expressing our sympathy for his misfortune.

The motion was seconded and carried, and the following telegram was subsequently sent:

Eben S. Martin, Mazomanie, Wis.:

Thanks for greetings. Regret absence. Best wishes for speedy recovery.

D. T. EATON, *Secretary*.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

SCRANTON, PA., August 13.

To American Philatelic Association:

Here is to the A. P. A.,
Here is to convention day;
• Here is to the men who stay
With the B. P. S. at the Boston Bay.

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT.

CABLE MESSAGE.

STOCKHOLM, August 14, 1906.

Philatelic Convention, Boston:

Greetings.

ANDREEN DJURLING, *Swedish Society*,

THE PRESIDENT: There is no special business assigned for to-day beyond what we have taken up, so we will open under the head of new business. If anyone has any—

MR. DOEBLIN: Complaints to make?

THE PRESIDENT: Complaints to make, resolutions to offer, or anything of that kind, now is the proper time to bring it in, and it will be referred to the proper committee for consideration.

MR. E. DE Z. KELLEY: I should like to inquire if anything has been done to straighten the question of how we shall reinstate the men who resign.

THE PRESIDENT: That question will come up before the Committee on By-laws.

MR. KELLEY: I am particularly interested because I have such a case.

THE PRESIDENT: It was referred to in the President's Address, and the Committee on By-laws will consider it. Have any other members any legislation to bring before the society? It can be introduced now.

MR. FRED MICHAEL: Would not it be well to ask if any of the members have reports from branch societies? There might be some reports here.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any such?

MR. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, the Boston branch would respectively report that the boats for to-morrow afternoon leave Hecht's—H-e-c-h-t's—Wharf at the foot of Oliver Street. If we are going from here we will go in a body and leave here at quarter of two; otherwise, Hecht's Wharf on Oliver Street. It is midway between the South Station and Rowe's Wharf.

A VOICE: Are the Boston branch running the boats now?

MR. BATCHELDER: Yes. If this convention is to adjourn shortly I think it would be very pleasant for us all to adjourn to the State House. It is only a stone's throw, and then we will be all around there to have our picture taken at 12 o'clock.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any members who have not yet registered? If so, kindly register at once and send in the slips to the table. There will be blanks at each end of the room.

Communication from the Philadelphia Philatelic Society.

To the Honorable President of the American Philatelic Association in congress at Boston, Mass.:

SIR: At a meeting of the Philadelphia branch of the American Philatelic Association, July 11th, 1906, it was unanimously recommended that the National Convention of the parent body, be urged to the consideration of the preparation of an Official American Postage Stamp Catalogue.

It having been agreed that the American Collectors are sorely in need of some comprehensive catalogue, on the general scheme of the Official Catalogue of the French Philatelic Society.

That such a catalogue might properly be issued as a business price list by any stamp dealing firm, provided a committee, appointed or approved by the American Philatelic Association, pass upon the prices of stamps of consequence or rarity.

That each and every stamp be priced, or valued, no matter of what rarity and that specimens of historic interest and excessive scarcity, be so described in brief, with educational notes. Such stamps as would not likely be found in any trade stock, may be priced in italics, or, specifically designated, with the understanding that such a price was not a quotation, but merely an index of value, based upon records of prior sales, or, of mutual or accepted valuation.

The publishing company deriving the benefits of our patronage, by this consideration, agreeing to appoint one judge, this Association another, and the two thus chosen, to agree upon any person as the third judge, the majority opinion to be final as to the price to be set upon any stamp of disputed value.

That the sub-division of the Catalogue by countries for classification, valuation and historic notation by specialists and experts be recommended, to correct and eliminate, so far as possible the errors of type and value.

This recommendation being necessary inasmuch as the vast number of new issues and the continual change of values of older stamps makes it impossible for any one stamp dealing concern to gauge or determine all values.

In consideration of the almost general acceptance of Scott's Catalogue, as the American basis of valuation, and remembering the score of years that said catalogue has been issued, in regular size and standard form, it is suggested that this catalogue of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company of New York, be considered as the most available publication for our purpose.

Be it therefore resolved, that our President appoint a committee of any three members present at the Boston Convention, to proceed to the consideration of these suggestions toward the preparation of an Official Catalogue, as outlined above, or otherwise, and that said committee be given power to act.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILADELPHIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

JOS. A. STEINMETZ, *President*.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6th, 1906.

THE PRESIDENT: This communication will be received and I think the proper reference will be to the Board of Directors for a recommendation, unless the Association prefers some other action.

MR. RICH: I move the appointment of a special committee for that purpose. It is a very important matter. The French Society has issued a catalogue of their own which is to-day recognized as about the right thing by every collector in the world, and there is no reason why we should not do the same thing. I therefore move you, that the President be empowered to appoint a special committee to take up the matter of official catalogue.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the motion of Mr. Rich, that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of issuing an official catalogue similar in character to that issued by the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any remarks?

MR. F. R. CORNWALL: Before proceeding, Mr. President, I would like to ask where the money is coming from to pay for this publication?

THE PRESIDENT: We have not got as far as that yet. This motion is that we appoint a committee to consider the advisability,—not to compile a catalogue, to consider the advisability. That was your idea—to consider the advisability?

MR. RICH: A committee appointed that way would have the power to bring the matter before the Association in the regular way and ask for an appropriation. It would then be a question as to whether the Association desired to go into a matter of that kind and to pay somewhere in the neighborhood of \$12,000 to \$15,000 to issue such a catalogue, which might be sold at fifty cents each.

THE PRESIDENT: Was it your idea to have the committee report at this present convention, Mr. Rich?

MR. RICH: That of course is left to custom. The President may appoint a committee to report at this meeting; if not, otherwise.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further remarks?

There being no further remarks, the question was put to vote and the motion was carried.

THE PRESIDENT: The committee will be appointed later. Is there any further business?

Mr. Deats moved that the convention adjourn to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. The motion was put to vote and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: The convention stands adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND SESSION—Wednesday Morning, August 15, 1906.

Called to order by the President.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

(Read by Mr. Wolsieffer.)

FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Boston, August 15, 1906.

The Committee on Credentials have received the following additional proxies:

W. H. Barnum	3	J. W. Prevost	11	A. C. Stewart	2
F. J. Bescher	1	E. M. Rosenthal	1	P. M. Wolsieffer	4
H. E. Deats	2	C. F. Rothfuchs	1	W. O. Wylie	39
H. H. Elliott	1	Isaiah Rudy	15		
C. A. Howes	2	C. E. Severn	3	Total	89
F. D. Pollard	1	E. S. Stebbins	3		

For the Committee,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, *Chairman.*

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any reports of branch societies?

THE SECRETARY: None have been handed to me.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was read and referred to the Committee on By-laws:

MANKATO, MINN., Aug. 2, 1906.

DEAR SIR:—Yours received. Please bring up the matter of making the Year Book more useful by putting in address, occupation and age. Another thing I believe that would be a welcome to every Philatelist, and this is a book on biographies—giving a short description, together with a photo cut—the expense to be defrayed by each one inserting in same. This would get each one familiar with one another, besides be a book that every collector would be proud of, and become more valuable as the years go by. Such people as *McKeel's Weekly* would bring it out successful, I believe. Also see whether I can get my old number back. I could return my certificate, No. 1889, and you send me new one with my old original number on.

The original certificate issued on the low number I have lost.

Now, what do you think is the best perpetual stamp album issued now—one that is spaced complete with all issues to date, and one that new sheets with spaces for all new issues can be put into album?

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, and hoping you will have an enjoyable time at the convention and meet many new and all old familiar faces, I remain,

Yours very truly,

JNO. N. DEGLMANN.

To D. T. Eaton, Esq., Muscatine, Iowa.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Batchelder has an announcement to make.

MR. BATCHELDER: This afternoon we go on a harbor trip on boats tendered by the City of Boston. Everybody is invited; of course that is understood. We shall leave here about half past one. That is to say, we shall start at that hour from here in order that the ladies may walk down and take their time. Where we are going is halfway between stations on the Elevated, and in fact it is easier to walk than it is to ride.

MR. DOEBLIN: Cheaper, too. (Laughter.)

MR. BATCHELDER: You can leave here as late as quarter of two—the gentlemen can if they want to—and walk to the same place. The boat will start at two o'clock, perhaps five minutes after, but the hour of starting is supposed to be two o'clock. We want everybody to go and their friends. To-morrow we go to Concord and Lexington. We shall have to start from the hotel at five minutes of one. We go to Concord and Lexington over the Paul Revere route, have dinner at Concord, go to Norumbega Park in the evening, and get back here pretty late. On Friday we go to Plymouth. That is an all day affair.

MR. RICH: What time do we get back?

MR. BATCHELDER: At six o'clock or half past. I had a letter from President Roosevelt saying that he particularly desired that the Association should go to Fort Warren, so they have given permission to land there and inspect the fort.

THE PRESIDENT: We have a communication from Mr. Kjellstedt of Scranton, which the Secretary has asked me to read:

To the American Philatelic Association, in convention at Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:—As the Board of Directors did not consider it wise to recommend my proposition for a junior branch of the Association, I have thought of some means whereby the beneficial features may be adjusted so as to become beneficial to the young collector and the collector of small means as well as to the seniors in years and in philatelic activity. Permit me to ask two questions: What good will a beginner, with 3 or 4,000 varieties in his album and a few hundred duplicates derive from a sales department which is altogether run for the benefit of more advanced collectors? Are our sales books of the kind that you would recommend to a beginner or a more advanced collector who can only afford to spend from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per annum on their collections?

Unfortunately these questions must be answered in the negative and herein is found the difficulty of uniting with us the younger element of the American collecting fraternity. Our benefits are beyond their reach. I firmly believe that this fact alone keeps hundreds of young American collectors from entering the ranks of the National American Association.

In my opinion this important obstacle to a wider usefulness of our Association can easily be overcome by trying to cater a little to the great number of collectors who look for many stamps for a few dollars.

Gentlemen, I take the liberty of proposing that in connection with our Sales Department a special exchange and sales division be organized for the benefit of those who are in search of cheap stamps for the swelling of their collections and whose financial circumstances confine their philatelic activity to stamps of such grade. Special exchange facilities and special sales circuits to suit the collectors with small collections and small means, these are the only practical benefits, besides the Official Journal, with which we can convince the small collectors that they will get their money's worth by joining the A. P. A.

In order that very cheap stamps may be priced at something near their actual value, these special circuits for beginners and small collectors could be priced in francs and centimes.

It is with the deepest regret I find myself unable to give my project the benefit of a personal "boom," but I feel satisfied that your sense of justice and your interest in the growth of our Association will point to the necessity of something being done along the lines indicated.

Very respectfully,

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT.

SCRANTON, PA., July 24, 1906.

THE PRESIDENT: This communication will be received and referred to the Board of Directors. Another communication from Philadelphia.

MR. DOEBLIN: It came in time—it is not slow?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, we had it some time ago.

The Secretary read the following letter:

To the President and Fellow Members present in convention, greeting:

Another year has rolled around, and has brought with it a marked increase in the membership of The American Philatelic Association. Philadelphia has not been credited with much of the said increase, which I think is due to the fact that the field was pretty well canvassed in 1904-'05, the activity in Philadelphia in the above mentioned years added very materially to the boom that the A. P. A. has experienced, as the example set by the "City of Brotherly Love" has been the means of awakening interest in many other cities that would otherwise have proceeded in a half-hearted manner.

I find that I could not do as much as a member of the "Recruiting Committee" as I did as "Resident Vice-President," therefore I make the suggestion that the office of Resident Vice-President be revived with all its requirements, and that the Recruiting Committee be also retained; in fact, I would be in favor of having two members of the Recruiting Committee appointed from each city in which the membership warranted it, thus creating a friendly rivalry, which would result in increased membership, the duties of the Recruiting Committee to be to obtain applicants for membership, and submit their names to the Resident Vice-President for him to act upon as was formerly the rule.

The office of "Resident Vice-President" gives a weight to the title of the local authority, which is not manifest in the title of "Member of Recruiting Committee," and does much to impress the prospective applicant for membership.

The Philadelphia Philatelic Society, Branch No. 18, is progressing favorably, and has done much valuable work in the advancement of Philately. Two notable achievements are worthy of mention, the first the open meeting held June the sixth, at which the handsome specialized collection of Paul D. Baugh was exhibited. At this meeting a number of the members of The Quaker City Philatelic Society were present upon invitation. The second, the meeting held July the eleventh, at which the feature of entertainment was a passpartout exhibition of the choice stamps from twelve Philadelphia collections, arranged on twenty-one Krasa blank sheets, each mounted under glass. There were five hundred and ten stamps exhibited, worth upwards of six thousand dollars. The choicest stamp exhibited in this galaxy of varieties was a 5c Hawaiian Missionary stamp, Scott No. 2, a most magnificent copy on pelure paper, lightly cancelled. There were a great many other gems which I have not space to mention (as the Philatelic papers say). This was a most interesting and instructive exhibition. It is the first of a series of such exhibitions which will be held from time to time. As a society we have received sixteen circuits from the Sales Manager of the American Philatelic Association, from which we have purchased stamps to the net value of \$246.90. It has been our custom to have one or more circuits for our members to examine at each meeting, which has proven a very successful attraction.

There is a decided improvement in the stamp business in this locality, and I note a marked enthusiasm among collectors, some who have been dormant for years have awakened to an activity that speaks well for the future of our hobby.

Very respectfully submitted,

A. F. HENKELS,

Member Recruiting Com. from Philadelphia, 1906.

THE PRESIDENT: This will be received and referred to the Committee on By-laws, as there are recommendations for changes.

BLACK LIST.

MR. WYLIE: Mr. President, I received a communication from Mr. F. D. Goodhue of Cincinnati and I neglected to bring it with me, but I would like to bring the subject matter before the convention in order that it may be referred to the proper committee. Mr. Goodhue considers it advisable that the Association appoint some one who will take charge of all cases that we may have of dishonesty in connection with dealings in the stamp business. He wants a register kept of dead beats, approval frauds, etc., and he feels that the Association can carry on the work better than any individual, better than any company, better than any attorney. He suggests that it might be conducted either in the form of being confined to members of the Association, or that it include all who may be guilty of any dishonest conduct. I do not know in just what form it would be advisable to attempt to deal with the matter, but I would like to have it considered by some committee, and so if you will take it in this form I would like to present it to the con-

vention,—the consideration of some methods whereby approval frauds and dead beats can be either published in the columns of *Mekkel's Weekly* or else circulated in some other form.

MR. RICH: I was going to suggest a special committee for this subject because there is considerable work connected with it.

MR. WYLIE: Are you looking for a job?

MR. RICH: No, I am not looking for a job, nor do I wish to be chairman of that committee. I have enough frauds to deal with myself. But really I do think there ought to be a special committee for that purpose, because it is a work that ought to be done and ought to be done properly, and I do not think that the committees now existing in the Association could handle it, because they have plenty of work of their own to do.

THE PRESIDENT: It formerly was the duty of the Board of Vice-Presidents, or Trustees, as we used to call them, to keep a black book, but I see that that is not in the by-laws at present. The communication will be referred to the Committee on By-laws, who will take it under consideration. What the gentleman intends, I judge, is a sort of Philatelic Bradstreet, leaving out the men who are good.

SONG FOR THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

THE PRESIDENT: Another communication has been handed me. I am a little in doubt as to its exact meaning. I notice in both pictures, the people on the cover and those on the inside seem to be chasing something. Seeing that it comes from Chicago I am not surprised, because they are always after something. These people on the cover seem to be chasing a horse. Whether it is a hobby horse or some other horse I don't know. They are evidently running away from Wonderland or something of the sort.

A VOICE: The others are chasing a girl.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I have seen Chicago men chasing a girl before. This girl has a stamp collection and I advise her to hold on to it, because some of them would be sure to get it. I don't recognize any of these faces. I wonder if Mr. Mudge could tell us anything about it, or who they are.

MR. MUDGE: Well, Mr. President, were it not for the dignity of this convention and were I not in Boston I would say that it is very clear that that picture on the outside—it is a "horse" on somebody not to see that the Chicago contingent has broken loose. As far as the inside is concerned I think that should tell its own story. The gentleman has a dream and he sees our Miss Philately sitting where she has been for 20 years, sitting in the same position, looking at the same page in the stamp album, and she gets a little tired and simply stretches and gets busy and gets to work, as is indicated by the 208 new members that you have had during the past season. You notice incidentally that she is carrying the world with her. As far as the picture itself, it is subject to more or less comment; in fact, it reminds me of the story of what the fellow said to his girl when he was courting her. During one of those momentary lulls that will come he asked, "By the way, how's your father? Not that I care a rap, but it makes talk, you know." (Laughter.) So if this, for instance, were an oil painting and in an art museum the critics would find a great deal to say about it and we might even get a sermon preached about it on some occasion. But that is for the picture only in itself; the idea of it is simply this suggestion—that anything that will create an interest in the Association, the Chicago members feel it is for the good of the Association. It may be by a picture, it may be in various ways; it may be, for instance, in the way of a song. Suppose, for instance, you had such a song as this:

THE
PHILATELIST'S
DREAM





'RAH! FOR THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Dedicated by H. N. Mudge to the American Philatelic Association.
Annual Convention, Boston, August 14-16, 1906.

TUNE: "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching."

Listen now! Ye nations all,
To our Philatelic song,
That shall tell the story of the A. P. A.;
The Association great,
Of a Nation big and strong,
Which for enterprise most surely leads the way.

CHORUS:

'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! for the A. P. A.;
It's the pride of the U. S.;
For it holds in loving thrall
Stamp collectors great and small,
And throughout the world its power is manifest.

From Atlantic's rugged coast
To Pacific's Golden Gate,
And from Southland's gulf to shining northern lakes,
Are the mighty bounds from which,
Representing every state,
A. P. A. its worthy membership it takes.

CHORUS:

And its members, they are true
To Philately's good cause,
Making A. P. A. their ever-guiding star;
For it is a tie that binds,
By its strong but simple laws,
That most wonderful and wise in nature are.

CHORUS:

So we hear from Europe's marts,
Round the world to Isles of Spice,
Hearty commendations given A. P. A.;
And the nations each declare,
"We would give a handsome price
Could we learn the art of building in such way."

CHORUS:

(Applause.)

Suppose, gentlemen, you had such a song as that and suppose also that it fitted some good lively tune, some National air, for instance, like, we will say, this. (Here Mr. Mudge produced a harmonica and played "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching.") (Applause.)

Suppose, Mr. President, that you had the words of that song, do you think you would like to sing it? (Voices: "Yes.")

THE PRESIDENT: As many as are in favor signify by saying aye. (Shouts of "Aye.") It seems to be a vote.

MR. MUDGE: If, Mr. President, you will take the song, and if any of you are from Missouri you can follow him—if you will take your song and your pencil and the back end of your knife and run it through the corners here, when you get started it will come easy—you will find the words of the song.

(Following Mr. Mudge's suggestion the members opened the covered souvenir which had been presented them, a copy of which is herewith printed.)

MR. MUDGE: I am not a musician, gentlemen, so if I don't start it right you will excuse me. Perhaps some others will help you out.

A VOICE: Mr. James E. Willie will accompany us on the piano.

The song was then sung with great enthusiasm, followed by three cheers for the author, together with cries, "What's the matter with Mudge? He's all right. Who's all right? Mudge."

MR. DOEBLIN: Mr. President, since the days of the Thousand Islands, when we had that nice meeting there and several nice speeches were made—I don't want to mention names (Laughter)—after that—every convention I have attended, I said, "What a difference it is between this and the New York convention in 1890 and the convention in the Thousand Islands"—when was it? (To Mr. Deats.) It was when you were married.

MR. DEATS: '95.

MR. DOEBLIN: Since those days there has been nothing but pleasure at the A. P. A. conventions. The meetings have been social in every respect, we never hear a harsh word in any meeting, and now I think we are getting down to prayer meeting. (Laughter and applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Brother Doebelin evidently thinks that that was sung to the tune of a gospel hymn.

MR. DOEBLIN: That is what it is; that song is gospel.

THE PRESIDENT: Sure! (Applause.) I think I voice the sentiment of the members in stating that Mr. Mudge has been officially appointed poet to the Association—for life. (Applause.)

MR. KELLEY: I make this merely as a suggestion, that in future conventions this song be one of the first features.

MR. MICHAEL: And the last.

MR. KELLEY: And the last as well.

MR. DOEBLIN: We won't always have so many good singers together.

MR. KELLEY: You will always be there, won't you?

MR. DOEBLIN: I don't know.

MR. BATCHELDER: In connection with the trip to-morrow we have a dinner and in connection with the trip Friday we have a dinner. In order to know how many to prepare for we have got to know how many are going, therefore Mr. Kelley and I will take our places at the rear of the room and one at a time as we have opportunity, I wish you would let us know whether you are going on one or both occasions and how many of you there are.

MR. BARTLETT: We are all going.

MR. BATCHELDER: Yes, but still the question is how many all are.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Put me down for everything.

MR. MICHAEL: Put down all the Chicago branch.

MR. DOEBLIN: Put me down for four.

PRESS REPORTS OF EXHIBITS.

MR. WYLIE: A question of personal privilege, please, in connection with the duties of the Committee on Press Reporting. I feel that I ought to make an apology so that it will be recorded in the Year Book, in connection with the exhibit on Monday evening of the 20th century collection of Mr. Carpenter. The papers yesterday morning came out with no reference to this fine collection, for the simple reason that the chairman of the committee at least did not know the collection was here on Monday evening. I want to make this statement in order that it may be entered properly in the Year Book and that due notice may be given of this exhibit and in order that it may be understood that there was nothing intentional on the part of the committee in the omission. When the committee was making arrangements for the meeting Monday evening there was a suggestion made that this collection be exhibited, but it was accidentally left out of the call for the meeting and so it slipped my notice entirely. I

wanted Mr. Carpenter to feel that as far as the committee was concerned there was certainly no intentional neglect of him in connection with a notice of this collection.

While I am on my feet I would like to call attention to the fact that there is a bulletin at the end of the room giving the names of the papers and the dates at which various articles about the convention have appeared in the paper, and they may be obtained at the news stand.

THE PRESIDENT: I would like to suggest that Mr. Wylie include that list in the next *Weekly*, so that the members who are not here can send and get them.

If there are any members here who have not registered they will please do so before they leave the room. It is quite important that we get a full register of all in attendance.

OFFICIAL CATALOGUE.

THE PRESIDENT: It was voted yesterday that the chair appoint a committee who should take into consideration the advisability and practicability of compiling an official catalogue of stamps similar to that in character to that prepared by the French Society. The chair would announce as that committee Mr. Charles E. Severn of Chicago, Mr. H. N. Mudge, Mr. Joseph S. Rich, Mr. H. E. Deats, and by special request of the chairman of the committee, the President. This committee will report at a later date to the Board of Directors and their report will be published in the Official Journal.

MR. RICH: I notice that you have mentioned my name as one of the committee. I should prefer to be excused from serving on that committee, because it is well known that I am connected with the catalogue which is possibly under criticism in this desire of the members of the A. P. A. to have an official catalogue. I really have no great objection, but I do not think it is right to put on a committee making a catalogue which is going to come perhaps in competition with one which is published for gain a man who would be likely to in some way interfere with the perfectly free action of the committee. I do not think that the gentlemen who have brought forward this matter before the Association know anything at all about catalogues. I do not think that they realize to what extent they are going to involve the Association in labor and expenditure of money. I have not, of course, dollars and cents right at hand, to give you as facts, but I should say that to get up a catalogue of that kind—just to make a beginning, to get the type set, to pay for the first part of it, will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2.50 a page. There will be about 700 pages. I am not very good at mental arithmetic, but those of you who have pencils can figure out while I am talking. That does not pay for one sheet of paper; it does not pay for binding; it does not pay for anybody to do the work. It takes about eight weeks of daily proof reading for about two hours a day and about six weeks of daily proof reading at night from eight o'clock to 11:30 if you have other duties during the day. Who is going to do that work? Do you propose that the committee shall do it? I certainly want to be excused.

Now we come to the question, what are we going to do with those catalogues when we get them? We will figure an expenditure of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$6,000, perhaps \$9,000. The Standard Catalogue, the one under criticism, or the one which is so much objected to, I am perfectly willing to state here in open meeting, sells in the neighborhood of 15,000 copies per year at present. That is at 50 cents. There is a profit of about four cents a copy on those books. Therefore you will have to raise the price; you cannot afford to sell them in that way, because you cannot afford to sell the books at fifty cents. You have no advertising pages in it. That is the reason we cannot afford to sell the book at that price. We figure to make a profit out of the advertising pages. You will have to sell at the same price that the French Society is selling theirs, perhaps more, because the labor is cheaper on the other side, paper is cheaper. There is no import duty on that book. The price of the foreign book is ninety cents. You will have to charge one dollar. If 15,000 men will buy a book at 50 cents, about 3,000 will buy a book at a dollar. It will cost you somewhere about \$6,000 to produce the

book, possibly \$9,000; I don't know. It will depend a great deal on how many cuts you can steal and how many you have to make. I know of some to be stolen.

MR. DOEBLIN: How many do you steal?

MR. RICH: We don't steal any, Mr. Doeblin; we make them all. They steal ours. That shows a deficit that the Association will meet the first year of somewhere from \$3,000 to \$6,000. I hope to be excused from the committee. But I want the committee to start right and to know that they face a deficit of from \$3,000 to \$6,000 the first year. It will not be so much the second year, because they won't have to—

MR. DOEBLIN: Publish one. (Laughter.)

MR. RICH: Good, Mr. Doeblin. I didn't want to say that. I ought not to hamper the committee. I trust you will withdraw my name from that.

MR. SEVERN: By Mr. Rich's own words he shows that he is very well informed on the catalogue question. Mr. Rich is one, or I hope will be one, of five men on this committee; he will be 20 per cent. of the committee. I doubt whether he could hamper us in our work. But certainly his long experience in cataloguing and publishing will be of great advantage to us and he need be no more than a conferee, if necessary, but he certainly should be on that committee because his ripe experience is such that we could profit by it and abide by the results as determined in the committee's mind.

THE PRESIDENT: The chair has not the slightest intention of letting Mr. Rich off from that committee, for he put him on for that reason. He knows all about getting up catalogues and we propose to use him as a reference book to find what catalogues cost and all that. This committee is not to compile a catalogue, it is not to publish a catalogue; it is to report to us what it will cost. Mr. Rich will serve on the committee, I think.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, I may ask in the way of being instructed, I hope, whether the plan is to be presented tentatively. In other words, we go to the essence or the heart of the proposition without actually doing anything more than to experiment in the tentative way that a committee in our position would be likely to.

THE PRESIDENT: The committee is appointed simply to find out what it would cost to bring out such a book.

MR. SEVERN: In other words, we are to combine the figures from the practice and the practice as indicated by the figures.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. RICH: I understand you are not willing to leave my name off?

THE PRESIDENT: I am not.

MR. RICH: Then I shall make a motion for an appropriation of say \$500 to get out a catalogue. I do not like the idea of doing nothing if we are a committee. Give us \$500 to get out the United States portion. I move that the Association appropriate \$500 for the publication of a portion of the Standard Catalogue, that portion to embrace United States stamps.

MR. SEVERN: I think the motion of Mr. Rich is likely to stampede us unless we give thought to it, and I think it would be well for you to take a little time before putting such a motion. It has taken us by surprise.

MR. ROSENTHAL: Will you kindly have the original motion read to us so that we may know on what ground and for what purpose the committee is appointed?

THE PRESIDENT: The chair has stated, and he thought very clearly, that the committee was appointed to consider the advisability of publishing a catalogue and what it would cost; not to compile and not to publish. That is a question for another time to settle. I think Mr. Rich's motion would hardly be in order. There will be no competition this year.

MR. KELLEY: Mr. President, may I make an announcement? Two finished copies of the convention photograph are in the rear of the room and anyone who desires to look at them may have an opportunity to order them at \$1.50.

THE CHAIRMAN: I hope the members will not break up the meeting too much.

MR. SEVERN: The representative will be here until the convention is over.

THE PRESIDENT: This can be attended to after the adjournment. The earlier we get through our business the more time we can have afterwards. Are there any more communications? There is no business that was assigned for to-day. Is there any unfinished business? The next item is new business. Have the members any new business? If not we will pass to reports of standing committees. Are there any committees ready to report?

The report of the Committee on Branch Societies was read by the Chairman, Mr. Michael, and referred to the Committee on By-laws for consideration of the recommendations it contained:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Boston, Aug. 15, 1906.

To the President and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—Owing to the fact that we have failed to receive a report from a single branch we are unable to tell what has been accomplished by them.

Meetings have been held by the Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Rockford and Chicago branches and we hear that Boston will shortly be added to the list of cities having an active and valuable branch. We think that members fail to realize the advantages of branches both to themselves and the Association and suggest that where there are sufficient members an effort be made to get together.

We recommend that there be added to Article II, Section 2, a paragraph to the effect that should a branch society fail to hold a meeting during the period of one year its charter should be forfeited.

We also recommend that there should be added a section making it the duty of the President of the branch to send the Secretary of the Association a report showing the number of members, times of meeting, etc., shortly before each convention.

FRED MICHAEL,
E. DOEBLIN,
FRANK BESCHER,

The report of the Committee on Official Journal was read by the Chairman, Mr. Bartlett, as follows:

Boston, Mass., Aug. 14, 1906.

Mr. President and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Official Journal desires to make the following report:

One proposition for Official Journal has been received, that from *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, based upon the terms for the past year. We recommend the acceptance of said proposition, which is annexed hereto as a part of our report.

J. DELANO BARTLETT,
E. F. SAWYER,
E. M. CARPENTER,

Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the report of the committee. The proposition annexed is as follows:

Boston, Mass., August 15, 1906.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

FELLOW MEMBERS:—The proprietors of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* desire to offer its services as Official Journal, upon the same basis as last year. As these terms are a matter of record in the Year Book we do not deem it hardly necessary to repeat them here.

The *Weekly* feels that it is entitled to a no small share of credit for the splendid

increase in Association membership during the past year, and is prepared to serve the interests of the American Philatelic Association more faithfully and energetically during the coming year than it ever has in the past.

Respectfully yours,

WILLARD O. WYLIE,

Manager M.-R.-S. Co.

M. O. W.

THE PRESIDENT: It is necessary to take some action on the report of this committee. I think the members are all aware of the terms under which the official journal is now furnished.

MR. KELLEY: Mr. President, if it is in order I move that the report of the committee be accepted and *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* adopted as official journal for the coming year on the terms stated.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any remarks?

MR. DOEBLIN: Mr. President, I have a little thing to add. *Mekeel's Weekly* is all right, but they should publish "Jim Easy" every week.

MR. SEVERN: All right, Doeblin; that is a proviso.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: I would like to state for the information of Mr. Doeblin that "Jim Easy" is on the road now, and he sometimes gets to towns where there are no facilities for transmitting copy weekly, and he is very much overworked, and it would be hardly right to expect him to write every week. Once a month is enough.

MR. DOEBLIN: It is the first thing I read.

THE PRESIDENT: The motion is before the house; are there any further remarks?

The motion was put to vote and declared carried.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other committee reports? Committee on Finance?

MR. ROSENTHAL: We wish to have 24 hours grace on finance.

THE PRESIDENT: Committee on Library?

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, we will soon report.

THE PRESIDENT: Sales Department?

MR. FOWLER: Mr. President, we ask for twenty-four hours, inasmuch as we only got the report referred to us this morning.

THE PRESIDENT: Committee on Resolutions? That exhausts the list of committees.

MR. BURT: I think the Committee on Finance ought to be informed that grace has been abolished on commercial paper other than sight drafts in the State of Massachusetts.

THE PRESIDENT: We are running under the laws of Minnesota.

MR. KINGSBURY: Mr. President, I would like to ask if we could not have Mr. Mudge write us another song to use as an opening song and to use the song which he gave us this morning as the closing song of the convention, because it goes to the tune, "Tramp, tramp, tramp," and we can think we are going home.

THE PRESIDENT: I think it is proper, because we do not all get here the first day, and we can imagine they are coming to the convention.

A VOICE: I hope they don't have to walk.

THE PRESIDENT: A good many of them are tramping to breakfast about the time we come to order.

There is no further business, apparently, to come before us this morning.

MR. SEVERN: As one of the representatives of the paper that has just been selected as official journal, perhaps I have been remiss in not thanking the members for the confidence they have reposed in the paper by selecting us as official journal for another year. I wish to heartily thank the members for the evidence of appreciation of our efforts to promote the general interests of philately and also the interests of the American Philatelic Association. We esteem it an honor to serve the Association, and one that we regard highly. (Applause.)

MR. WYLIE: Mr. President, I had no idea we would get through the business of

the session so early, but if Mr. Wolsieffer will accommodate me and we can gather three or four more under our wing, we will try and find a bowling alley near by and for the next hour I think we can enjoy ourselves first rate.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no further business the motion to adjourn will be in order.

A motion to adjourn was made.

MR. FOWLER: At what time do we reconvene?

THE PRESIDENT: At nine o'clock sharp to-morrow morning unless otherwise ordered. Mr. Rothfuchs has an announcement to make.

MR. ROTHFUCHS: I should like to announce to the members of the American Philatelic Association who are present and who have not received the official badges to kindly report to me after the session and I will be pleased to hand them the badge.

THE CHAIRMAN: Don't forget to register. It is moved and seconded that we adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The motion was carried and the convention declared adjourned accordingly.

THIRD SESSION.—Thursday Morning, August 16, 1906.

Called to order by the President.

The final report of the Committee on Credentials was read by Mr. Wolsieffer, as follows:

The Committee on Credentials report the following additional proxies received:

Isaiah Rudy	1	H. W. Legg	1
E. M. Rosenthal	1	H. E. Deats	2
Fred D. Pollard	1	H. E. Stewart	2
Howard H. Elliott	1	P. M. Wolsieffer	11
Willard O. Wylie	1		—
W. G. Swart	1	Total	22
		P. M. WOLSIEFFER, <i>Chairman</i> .	

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.

To D. T. Eaton, Secretary American Philatelic Association:

Washington Philatelic Society sends greetings to the American Philatelic Association.

J. FINNEY.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15, 1906.

American Philatelic Association, Hotel Bellevue, Boston:

The New York Stamp Society assembled this evening sends its best wishes for a successful convention.

EUGENE KLEIN, *Secretary*.

THE SECRETARY: You'll have to read this one, Mr. President: I can't read Dutch.
THE PRESIDENT: (Reading.)

CECIL, PENN., Aug. 15.

American Philatelic Association:

Vivat floreat crescat American Philatelic Association.

IGNAZ STAUFFER,

the man who never forgets us.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other communications? Communication from the Board of Directors.

THE SECRETARY: The board have met and organized and elected the following as the officers for the ensuing year:

President, William C. Stone, of Massachusetts.

Board of Vice-Presidents, H. N. Mudge, H. A. Fowler and Fred Michael, Illinois.

Secretary, A. F. Henkels, Philadelphia, Penn.

Treasurer, H. G. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn.

International Secretary, D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa.

Directors at Large, H. B. Phillips, California; J. S. Rich, New York.

The following selections of appointive officers have been made:

Librarian, A. H. Hopkins.

Assistant Librarian, A. G. Burgoyne.

Attorney, H. D. Watson.

Sales Superintendent, P. M. Wolsieffer.

Examiner of Sales Books, F. M. Massoth.

Counterfeit Detector, J. M. Bartels.

Expert Committee, John N. Luff, J. C. Morgenthau and Joseph S. Rich.

Committee on Philatelic Literature, E. R. Aldrich, H. D. Deats and W. J. Gardner.

Committee on Philatelic Index, J. W. Stone, J. W. Prevost and Robert Munroe.

Obituary Committee, Gordon Ireland, L. T. Brodstone and E. de Z. Kelley.

The appointment of the Recruiting Committee is left to the President and will be announced later.

THE PRESIDENT: The President desires to announce the appointment of C. C. Johnson of Milwaukee as chairman of the Recruiting Committee, Mr. Rosenthal, the efficient chairman for the past year, having positively declined a reappointment. We all know what Mr. Johnson has done during the past year and we know what we may expect the coming year.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I would be glad to continue to serve on the Recruiting Committee, but I do not care to act as chairman.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Johnson is appointed as chairman.

MR. DOEBLIN: That settles it. (Applause.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MR. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, I hate to leave my present position, but I suppose I shall have to. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Now please listen, gentlemen.

MR. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, to-day we start from the hotel at quarter of one. If there is anybody that is not ready to start at quarter of one—we leave from Post-office Square, and I guess you know where that is, all of you—Postoffice Square—at one o'clock the cars leave. Now mind you the cars leave at one o'clock and not at two. Those who don't get there at one o'clock won't go. If anybody gets left, go down to the North Station and take a train for Concord. We get to Concord about three o'clock. We stay in Concord until six o'clock. We are to take dinner at the Colonial Inn in Concord. That is in the main square and if you go there you will easily find out where the body has gone, because while we go in various directions to the battleground, the monument, the old cemetery, and so forth, we all circle around that square and at five o'clock we have dinner at the Colonial Inn. I hope that nobody will get left. To-morrow we leave at half past nine,

MR. DOEBLIN: Oh!

MR. BATCHELDER: The boat leaves at ten o'clock, and it is a public boat in this case. We are going to Plymouth, and the reason I set the hour half past nine is not that you could not get there if you started later, but we want to get good seats on the boat; we want the best place, therefore we want to get there in good season. Now remember to-day, quarter of one, cars leave Postoffice Square at one o'clock, three minutes' walk from here only. To-morrow we leave at half past nine. The boat leaves the wharf, which is Rowe's Wharf. You can go there by the Elevated. It is the next entrance to where you took the ferry the other night to go down to Wonderland. At ten o'clock the boat leaves; we leave here at half past nine.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: I want to ask the stenographer to read the little verse that was dictated to him last night at the extra session.

MR. BURT: Mr. President, with your permission I will read these few lines that were contributed for the occasion by a St. Louis poet:

In the course of the Boston convention,
On the second day of the meeting,
It was the express intention,
So it was said in the greeting,
To take us to Fort Warren
On a steamer from Wharf Hecht,
But the promise turned out barren,
And we got it in the neck. (Applause.)

MR. KELLEY: I object to that going into the record of the convention.

MR. MICHAEL: Miss Bescher has informed us that she would like to hear that beautiful song; I don't think we ought to disappoint her.

THE PRESIDENT: That will come later.

MR. WYLIE: Mr. President, according to the *Herald*, yesterday, the tune to which we sang the song was "John Brown's Body." I want to inform the convention that I was not responsible for that twist in the reporter's mind.

MR. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, one second. If the ladies will gather in the outer hall we will all go somewhere.

NEW CERTIFICATES TO REPLACE THOSE DESTROYED AT SAN FRANCISCO.

MR. DEATS: Mr. President, I move the following resolution: "Resolved, that the Secretary be authorized, on application and submission of satisfactory proof that a stockholder's certificate was destroyed in the San Francisco catastrophe, to issue without cost to the stockholder a duplicate certificate."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Rich and on being put to vote was declared carried.

INVESTMENT OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

MR. N. W. CHANDLER: Mr. President, I make a motion that all balances remaining in the general fund at the close of the fiscal year, commencing with this year and continuing, be transferred to and form a part of the Insurance Fund. I think the dues in the Association should be fixed at a rate sufficient to carry the incidental expenses of each and every year separate by itself.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the motion—

MR. BURT: I move it be referred to the Board of Directors.

THE PRESIDENT: The motion is not seconded. The Board of Directors will bear that in mind and take it under consideration. Is there any new business?

MR. CHANDLER: I have another resolution I desire to offer for the consideration of the convention. It is recognized by the present board as well as the members of the Association that the Association has received in the last ten years very little interest

upon its stock fund. The amount I have not at hand, but I have noticed from time to time that the rate has been very small and the consequent receipts have been likewise. I offer this resolution:

"Resolved: That the directors be and are requested to safely loan or invest the entire stock fund now on hand and as may be hereafter received, and also loan or invest the insurance fund in like manner, less any payments that may be made therefrom, at 4 per cent. or the best rate of interest obtainable in excess thereof. The interest as received to be reinvested as above; the entire interest receipts to form a separate fund for six years from date, to be known as the Interest Fund."

In explanation of this let me give you some ancient history. It was an early scheme of Mr. Tiffany's that the Association should at some time become self-supporting, and his idea was that the interest on this stock fund and other funds which were not immediately needed should be compounded and eventually form a fund which would reduce the members' dues. There was quite a sum of money received for interest some years ago which I believe was conveyed into the general fund, as was also an entertainment fund left over from Clayton, which our Pittsburg friends were largely instrumental in raising. This fund, I believe, also went the same way.

THE PRESIDENT: For Mr. Chandler's information I will say that that entertainment fund was used to provide entertainment for the members at the Buffalo convention.

MR. CHANDLER: Very well; I was not aware of that part of its history. In pursuance of this idea of Mr. Tiffany's I have brought forward this resolution. I believe it is a good idea—to reduce the dues just as far as we can at some future day.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the resolution offered by Mr. Chandler. Is there a second?

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kelley.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any remarks? The motion is made and seconded. Mr. Chandler, will you send the resolution to the desk?

MR. MICHAEL: It seems to me that in regard to reducing the dues, if anybody should consider \$1.20 too much to pay, such a person we should not have in the Association; that we want men of a better class rather than the small schoolboy and the beginner. There is a certain dignity to be maintained by this Association, and that we should consider before we consider the number of members.

MR. CHANDLER: Mr. President, at a time later I propose to move a small advance in the rate of dues. I am not questioning that amount as being proper, but I am simply mentioning that fact as the reason of Mr. Tiffany's suggestion. I think the dues should be higher. At the time Mr. Tiffany's suggestion was made the dues were considerably higher than now. I am not in favor of a lower rate of dues to let in everybody; I think the Association should be a little exclusive.

THE PRESIDENT: The dues were originally two dollars, then reduced to a dollar—

MR. CHANDLER: Then \$1.80.

THE PRESIDENT: Then \$1.80, and finally fixed at the present rate so as to make it easy for computing the dues of members who join in the middle of the year.

MR. CHANDLER: I estimate that that fund in about six years would amount to about \$800 or \$1,000, which may aid the Association in some manner at that time.

THE PRESIDENT: The interest fund?

MR. CHANDLER: The interest fund. I want to see the Association have something ahead.

MR. MICHAEL: Something might occur during that six years which would make it necessary to use a large portion of that insurance fund, and if we go and invest it for six years or any definite time we might not be able to get it when we wanted it.

MR. CHANDLER: The gentleman does not understand the scope of the resolution. It expressly provides that payments may be made from the insurance fund as required. The fund is not tied up, the interest is tied up.

MR. KELLEY: If the fund was invested in bonds and there was a large demand upon it might it not be necessary to sacrifice something in order to meet the call?

THE PRESIDENT: It would be in the discretion of the directors to convert it into available cash.

MR. CHANDLER: You can use all the insurance fund; it is only the surplus insurance fund that you do not need to use which is to be invested.

MR. KELLEY: I see.

There being no further remarks, the question was put, and the chair being in doubt on the viva voce vote, a rising vote was taken and the motion declared carried, 18 voting in the affirmative and 12 in the negative.

MR. CHANDLER: It is possible that some of the gentlemen have misunderstood the scope of the resolution. I wish it particularly understood that the use of this insurance fund is not limited; it is free for use as now. It is only that part of it which will otherwise remain idle in the treasury each current year.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: It may be a question of mine to Mr. Chandler will clear the atmosphere. You mean it is to be a permanent interest fund, don't you?

MR. CHANDLER: An interest fund for six years.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: That is why I voted against it, because we have had occasions when we needed the interest to help us out in the general fund.

MR. CHANDLER: Yes, but you will be better off than now. The interest will be added to the fund.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Chandler's idea is that if we invest the interest we will get interest on that.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: That means compound interest. We cannot afford to do this because we need the interest as we go along.

MR. CHANDLER: How much interest are you getting now?

MR. ROSENTHAL: 3 per cent. on \$2,400.

MR. CHANDLER: You are not getting enough. You can get 4 per cent. anywhere in St. Louis, and I think you can in Chicago, from first-class banks and trust companies.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: I am glad to get all the interest we can, I am sure.

MR. RICH: I was simply going to make a remark which is entirely personal, and that is Mr. Chandler's resolution having been carried, I do not think it is quite necessary to raise the question whether we understood how we voted or not. I voted in the negative, and I fully understood what I was doing; I think the others did also.

MR. MICHAEL: I think it would be a very desirable thing to invest the stock fund which we are not likely to need, but the insurance fund which we are likely to need at any time ought to be left where the directors could get it if they found it necessary. Therefore, I would like to move to amend the motion so as to read "the Stock Fund," and not "the Insurance Fund."

THE PRESIDENT: It is too late; the motion has been carried. No amendment is in order at the present time. I think there is considerable left to the discretion of the Board of Directors. "The Directors are requested," etc. If they think it advisable not to conform to it in full I think they have power to do so. Is there any further new business?

MR. DOEBLIN: It is not my idea, but I promised one of our members in Pittsburg that I would bring it before the convention. If you laugh, don't laugh at me; I am not the father of the idea. (Laughter.) If you think it is good, I don't want credit for it. He says the Association ought to pay a dividend on their stock. I told him I would bring it before the convention, and they would laugh, and I know they will laugh. Would any member like to talk about that?

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Doebelin has performed his duty and it is properly recorded on the record. The member will see he has attended to it.

MR. DOEBLIN: I have done my duty; that is good.

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further new business? As to-day is the last day of our session unless we run against some snag, it will be proper under the present head to

settle the place and time of the next convention. If there is no objection we will listen from some communications the Secretary has, extending invitations for the next convention.

MR. BURT: I suggest that they be read in abstract.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no objection I will follow the suggestion. The first invitation we have received is from the Jamestown Exposition Company, Norfolk, Va. They extend to us a cordial invitation to hold the next annual meeting in the City of Norfolk. There will be a great international naval, military, historical and industrial exposition at Hampton Roads next year. I think we have all of us read more or less about it. They offer to us the use of a hall free of charge and will recognize our presence by setting apart a special day in honor of the occasion.

The Chicago Commercial Association invites us to meet in Chicago.

The Atlantic City Bureau of Information and Publicity send us a booklet giving an idea of "America's greatest resort, an ideal convention city."

"This invitation is extended not only by the Bureau of Information but also on behalf of the Atlantic City Board of Trade, the Atlantic City Hotel Men's Association and the Atlantic City Business League."

The City of Niagara Falls extends a cordial invitation to hold our next meeting at that city, the invitation being signed by O. W. Cutler, Mayor. The Bureau of Publicity also annex a second to the invitation.

MR. WYLIE: I wonder how much they would pay us for meeting in these various places?

THE PRESIDENT: (Reading telegram):

DENVER, COLORADO, August 13, 1906.

William C. Stone, President, American Philatelic Association, Hotel Bellevue, Beacon Street, Boston:

Greetings. Denver invites you for 1907.

ROBERT W. SPEAR, Mayor.

(Applause.)

Are there any nominations which members have to present personally?

MR. HOPKINS: Are there any inducements offered in any of those communications? The only one you read which offered us a hall or anything else was Jamestown.

THE PRESIDENT: I do not think they do, although very likely Atlantic City would.

MR. SWART: I think you will find by looking over the invitation from Denver that there are inducements offered.

THE PRESIDENT: We have not heard fully from Denver; that will come later. I simply read a telegram received from the Mayor. The Denver Stamp Club also extend us an invitation.

MR. BARNUM: Has Put-in-Bay been put in nomination?

THE PRESIDENT: There has been no communication received. Members have received circulars through the mail.

MR. DEATS: From the hotel.

MR. BARNUM: On behalf of two or three proxies I would like to place Put-in-Bay in nomination. The Cleveland members have not taken an active part in the campaign of Put-in-Bay. At the same time they feel if you desire to go there they would like to promise in advance that they would look after the interests of the Association and do what they could to further the entertainment at their end of the line. If the members at large feel that they wish to go there, I am sure the Cleveland collectors will be very glad to take care of them in good shape.

Mr. Wolsieffer read the following communication:

June 29th, Nineteen hundred and six.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—On behalf of the citizens of Denver and the members of the Denver Stamp Club, the undersigned as a committee designated for the purpose, hereby invite you to hold your next annual convention in Denver, the Queen City of the Plains.

There are many reasons why, in our opinion, the convention of 1907 should come to Colorado. You will, of course, not vote to hold it in the East twice in succession. Therefore, if you are coming West, why not to Denver, the great summer resort of the country? Our days are not muggy and our nights always cool.

The city is within a stone's throw of all the great summer resorts of the state. Colorado contains some of the most magnificent scenery in the world. Great chasms and canons, beautiful waterfalls, petrified forests, caverns, glens and snowy ranges of mountain peaks that lift their hoary heads beyond the line of vision, fascinate their beholder with their magnificence.

Arriving in our city, the capital of Colorado, and the largest in the state, you who are in search of the beautiful, the picturesque and the novel, although in the midst of metropolitan surroundings, with all the luxuries and artificialities of the highest modern civilization, find yourself in the immediate presence of Nature. Art may environ you on every side, architecture may pile its many storied edifices to right and left, but nature cannot thus be masked and hidden. Standing in our city streets, one glance upward and westward brings to your enraptured vision that mighty procession of giant snow clad peaks, blazing in the sunlight like diamonds, marching from north to south as far as the eye can reach.

You can combine a visit to Denver with a stop at Manitou, Garden of the Gods, Cheyenne Canon, Ute Pass and other notable points without extra expense, by having your ticket read, via Colorado Springs. The stop-over privilege is always given.

The potent reason, however, for Denver in 1907, is that there are very cheap rates to Colorado and return *every year without any exception*.

By choosing Denver in 1907 you are *absolutely sure of rates*.

In the last few years many new recruits have been won to our hobby in this locality. The membership of the Denver Stamp Club numbers 40 and is constantly growing. These members are all active prominent collectors and men of means and influence. We believe it would give Philately a tremendous "boost" to hold your convention in Denver next year.

As a further inducement we wish to state that arrangements are completed, should you come to Denver, to make a trip to the summit of Pike's Peak without expense to yourselves, and there hold a session over 14,000 feet above sea level, making the most unique gathering ever assembled in the history of Philately, after which a game of snow-ball in mid summer.

CHARLES A. NAST,
WALTER C. BELLOWS,
W. G. SWART,
H. A. DAVIS, *Chairman,*
Committee.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: In addition to that is an invitation from the Denver Convention League, signed by W. F. R. Mills, Secretary, and a still further invitation from the Denver Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, addressed to the American Philatelic Association, under date of June 30, 1906, and signed "The Denver Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, A. J. Stengel, President." These are all lengthy communications and they embrace the business, etc., of the city, but the invitations are sufficient to mention in view of the fact that the Denver Stamp Club have set out so eloquently all the advantages to be gained by going to Denver.

MR. SWART: Mr. President—

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Swart of Denver.

MR. SWART: I am from Denver.

(A Voice: "Glad to see you." Applause.) I suppose you have all heard the story about the young lady who was from Boston. She went out riding with a young gentleman—when Boston, I suppose, was younger and smaller than it is now,—and as they rode along they came to a mile post which said "I.M. from Boston." She looked at it and said, "'I'm from Boston'—how sweet, and so sufficient!" (Laughter.) That is the way we feel in Denver. We want you to come out there next year. This communi-

cation that you have just listened to emanated from the pen of Mr. Davis. Don't please hold me guilty for that wonderful flow of language. I am not the man; I haven't it. But all the statements that are made in that letter I am here as a representative of the Denver Stamp Club, also of the Chamber of Commerce, with personal communications to you gentlemen from the Governor of Colorado and from the Mayor of Denver, from whom you have already heard, to invite you to come to Denver next year. I cannot add much to what is said in that letter as to what we can give you. I will say this, that we have already raised the money to entertain you; that it is in Denver; it is ready for you, and we will do our best. We have got many things out there to show you. We have not got much of a waterfront; we can't do much about that.

A VOICE: We don't want water.

THE PRESIDENT: We won't get lost going down to the wharf.

MR. SWART: You might like a little water on the side. But, gentlemen, we need you out there—the Denver Stamp Club needs you. It is a useful organization; it is not yet a year old. We have, as stated in the letter, 40 members. I think within the next year we can get 40 more, provided we include the State of Colorado. But it is young and it needs assistance; it needs help and it needs the prestige that it will get from a meeting of this kind. As stated in the letter, the railroads will always grant and always do grant very cheap rates to Colorado. They are much cheaper from the East to Colorado and return than they are the other way. For some unknown reason the railroads grant rates into Colorado that they will not grant out. I suppose they like to keep us there. Some of us escape occasionally. You will find the city not overrun with Indians and cowboys, but a thoroughly modern city, where you can get all the accommodations that you get here in the way of modern hotels. The Chamber of Commerce offers to furnish you a proper meeting place, which will be in the Chamber of Commerce Building, which is central and well located. Further than that, they will furnish you everything possible in the way of facilities for seeing the city and seeing the state. We figured over for quite a long time as to what we would offer you for our star attraction, and finally we decided we would take you up to the top of Pike's Peak. That is a trip that is never to be forgotten. I think that the view from Pike's Peak is unequaled anywhere in the world, so far as I know. I will not try to describe it to you—no one could do that. The only way to do is to come up there and see. And once again, in the name of Denver, the Denver Stamp Club and all the commercial bodies and associated bodies of Denver, I invite you to come next year to Denver. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: For the information of the members I will say that we have 18 members in Colorado, of whom 12 are in the city of Denver. Six of them have joined during the past year.

MR. DOEBLIN: Mr. President, with your kind permission we all heard that beautiful letter read by Mr. Wolsieffer, and I believe every word of it. I have heard so much about Denver and the state of Colorado that I really think Denver is an ideal city for a convention. All the beauties of Nature that are described in the letter are there. They have been there for a long time (Laughter) and they will not leave till next year; I guess they will be there. (Laughter.) The climate is great, no question about that, and I think the Denver collectors are a nice bunch, the same as in the Eastern states. You know when you come to a city where collectors are they will shake hands with you and welcome you, and they mean it. Fortunately for us, they have the money all ready before they got the nomination. It is a good thing, sure. They will work another six months to try to get up amusements for us. Well, they have Pike's Peak there; that will stand another year. But, gentlemen, I tell you one thing; I am afraid these people that work for a year to get a convention there will be disappointed, and it is a hard thing, after working for a long time to get a convention, to be disappointed. I am sure that if they expect a lot of members there they will be disappointed. I know what it is; I am talking from experience. See why. Denver is too far away. How many of our members will make a trip from the New England States, from New York, from Philadelphia and other points? It is too far. There is everything true that they say, but the trip is

too far for any man to ride three days from here and come back three days. It makes a trip of six days by railroad. I have been in several conventions since 1890, you remember. I never saw a man from Colorado in a convention except Mr. Swart here. Why haven't they come to our conventions? Because it is too far. I have nothing against Denver; I think if we could bring Denver within about 1,500 miles of us I would go too. But as I told you before, the members of the society in Denver will be disappointed. We were disappointed in Pittsburg. We worked hard for six months to get up a convention. We collected money so that we could entertain from 60 to 80 members. What did we get? 22.

MR. ROTHFUCHS: Six of them were from Boston.

MR. DOEBLIN: That is all right. We got 22 members. We had to give money back to our society because we could not spend it. (Laughter.)

MR. SWART: We won't do that.

MR. DOEBLIN: Pittsburg is the workshop of the world. There is enough to see there. It is all built up; it is not Nature; but the big factories, and so forth, the Heinz plant, and so forth are all worth seeing. But we were disappointed and I personally was disgusted. I had a smile on my face all the time—I had to do it. But how many came? Boston, and this little village on Lake Michigan—what do I call it—Chicago? (Laughter.) They were all there and enjoyed it. But the city of New York, with half a million of collectors, as they claim (Laughter), I didn't see one man from New York in Pittsburg.

MR. ROSENTHAL: There are only two here now.

MR. EATON: One over night at Pittsburg, you know.

MR. DOEBLIN: Who?

MR. EATON: J. W. Scott was there over night.

MR. DOEBLIN: Oh, yes. I wrote two dozen letters to friends of mine asking them to come to the convention. About two-thirds of them wrote, "We will be there; we will be at your reception." In the morning I went to Hotel Henry, the headquarters, and said to Mr. Wolsieffer, "Did you see Father Scott? He wants to be here?" "Yes, he is here"—

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Doeblin, if you will please confine yourself to the subject,—we have not got much time.

MR. DOEBLIN: To the subject? That is what I am talking about.

THE PRESIDENT: The question is about the place of the next convention.

MR. DOEBLIN: Well, I have said everything I can. If you will hammer me down every time I try to say something, all right

MR. ROTHFUCHS: I should like to state why I am in favor of the convention being held in Denver. In addition to the very cordial invitation which the Association has received and the plans of the Denver people in case we should visit them being so complete, I think it would be quite a treat for a great many of us to take a vacation there. Some time ago I was talking with a gentleman who told me something of the pure atmosphere surrounding Denver. It is not a smoky city and you can see a great distance. I do not wish to speak disparagingly of Pittsburg—

MR. DOEBLIN: Never mind, keep to the subject. (Great laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: (To Mr. Doeblin.) Thank you.

MR. ROTHFUCHS: This friend of mine who has been a resident of Denver for some years informs me that some visitors were stopping with him and one of them, noticing the mountains in the distance, inquired whether he would have time to visit them before dinner. So his friend said it was only about five or six miles away, and he started to take a walk to see the mountains. He did not return and so they hitched up a team and went in search of him, and after they had driven about two hours they found him by the side of a brook, in the act of taking off his clothing. They asked him, "What are you doing that for? That is only a little brook; you can jump across." "Well," he said, "you told me it was only about four miles to those mountains, and I've been tramping here for hours and don't seem to be a bit nearer than I was at the start. If that is what you call four miles, I don't know what this brook is, and I'm not going to take any

chances in jumping across—I will take off my clothes and swim.” I would like to go there to see that brook. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further nominations?

MR. WOLSIEFFER: I had intended to make quite a few remarks, but I guess if I had said them the President would have called me down for taking up the time of the convention and the letter that I read from the Denver Stamp Club is so eloquent that I could not add anything to it. But I want to make a little personal explanation as to the number of proxies that I hold which will be voted on this question. Everybody knows that for the last two months Branch 1, of Chicago, has advocated Denver for the next convention and I have solicited proxies on that behalf. Of all the proxies that I hold there are but five instructed for any other place than Denver, and I feel that it is incumbent upon myself to vote all proxies not instructed otherwise for Denver, because it was solicited on the ground of Denver being the next convention city, *Mekeel's Weekly* being the next official journal and the ticket as elected being the ticket we all voted for. Some friends of mine in the East have said to me that they did not think there would be an Eastern man go to Denver. I do not think that is true. I think there are a number of Eastern men who will want to go to Denver and it would be somewhat unreasonable to say that nobody will go West to Denver. In Denver they call Chicago East. Chicago is not West, and if it is a long distance from Boston or Philadelphia or New York to Denver, what do you suppose the San Francisco people think about coming to Boston or New York? We have a representation in the West that is truly entitled to recognition, and there is no reason in the world under the old rule of rotation, one convention in the West and the next in the East, to discriminate as to what point in the West these conventions are held at. Of course if the Eastern members feel that they cannot go so far, it is unfortunate, but how about the Western members coming East? We come a great distance to the East to attend the convention and we feel that we are entitled to have some of the Eastern men come West. Aside from that question, which really should not cut any figure in the selection of the convention city, I think it would do you Eastern people a great deal of good to go out West and see the country. (Applause.) You are spending money to go to Europe, you are spending money going to Eastern watering places, and we feel that once in a while, once in so often, a few of you might take part of that money and part of that vacation period and come out to a convention of the American Philatelic Association and see us in the West.

MR. DOEBLIN: We are willing to go to Chicago.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Chicago is not the West; Chicago is East. Chicago is as much East according to the map of the United States as New York is, in the sense of being on that side of the division line. We call ourselves West because you, the majority of people in the East, call us so, but we are not West. Denver laughs at it when anyone talks about Chicago being in the West. Cleveland is not West; Pittsburg is not West, Pittsburg is in Western Pennsylvania; Cleveland is in Ohio, but it certainly is not in the West in respect to the line of division between the geographical sections of the United States. But the sectional lines I am always glad not to discuss if I can avoid it. I think the position of the Branch in the matter is entirely correct, especially in view of the time spent on this matter and the solicitation of proxies. But if it is true that some of you gentlemen think you cannot get away and that the journey is too long and the expense too great, I am sorry, but I think you will do the West a service and it will do good to the Association to hold the convention in the West, and that is why I so thoroughly second the nomination of Denver. (Applause.)

MR. SWART: There is just one thing I want to say. It has been stated that it takes three days to go to Denver. You can reach Denver in about 50 hours from here; you can get to Denver in 48 hours from New York. It is not three days; it is two days' ride.

MR. DEATS: Two of our conventions in previous years have been held in connection with international expositions, those at Chicago in '93 and Buffalo in 1901. It is true that the attractions of the expositions ran counter to those of the convention at times, and

that while we had a good register of attendance the number actually present at the sessions was not as great as it should have been. Next year there will be an exposition, which, while not comparing with Chicago in point of size, will be from a historical standpoint far more interesting. I have made a short canvass of the matter, not having taken the matter up until recently, and I believe that with the convention held at Jamestown or in its immediate vicinity the attendance at our convention would be more than double what we can possibly expect in Denver. Of course I would rather have the convention at some point east of the Mississippi, because then I can surely go. I suppose all of us east of the Mississippi River feel the same way; it is a pretty good distance to go from here to Denver. I know it, because I have been over it. Another thing is the question of railroad rates. It is very seldom indeed that we can get reduced rates toward the West from points east of Chicago. The reduced rates West do not begin until you reach Chicago or St. Louis, or some other point of change. We have to pay our full rate, which runs all the way from \$32 to \$40 for a round trip ticket from points in the East to Chicago, and it is very seldom that it varies except in connection with large conventions like the Grand Army or something of that sort, when it is a fare and a third. I think before the members vote on the question of the next convention they should carefully consider the welfare of the Association, and the increased interest taken in Association matters following a large healthy gathering like this. The conventions which have been well attended are always followed by an increase in membership and an increase in the effectiveness and results of the workings of the various departments of the Association.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further remarks?

MR. BESCHER: Mr. President, Mr. Deats says it costs him \$40 for a trip to Chicago. I will say it cost me over \$40 to come from Kansas City to Boston. We get cheap rates as far as St. Louis, less than half rates to Colorado West and return. I think the trip will be well worth it to those who make it if they do not see a stamp collector on the entire journey, because it is a part of the country that very few of them have been in. Even if it is far, Denver is a beautiful place. I have no reason for speaking for it otherwise than because I believe you will do well for your own satisfaction to go there, because I have been there several times. I think if the collectors go there once it will open their eyes to a part of the country that is new to them. We have come East much oftener than you have gone West and I think the West is entitled to representation once in a while. I think Denver with its 12 members has a greater representation in the A. P. A. in proportion to population than Boston with its list, which I do not know. I favor Denver for these reasons.

MR. FOWLER: I move the nominations be closed, Mr. President.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: If there are no further nominations we will proceed to take the vote. In accordance with our custom this vote is a proxy vote. The roll will be called and members are requested to respond, stating the number of votes cast for any particular place. Members holding proxies are entitled to cast as many votes as they have proxies plus their own individual vote. A member holding five proxies will say he casts six votes for the particular place he favors. Now if the members will please preserve order so we can hear the responses I will call the roll of the members. If any members are in doubt as to the number of proxies they hold Mr. Eaton will inform them and they will remember to add one to the figures that he announces.

The roll was called, and the members responded as follows:

MR. BARTLETT: Jamestown 1.

THE PRESIDENT: It is of course understood that Jamestown means Norfolk, Va., where the exposition is to be held. It is called the Jamestown Exposition, but is held at Norfolk, Va., Jamestown being nothing but a small island a few miles up the river.

MR. BURT: One for Put-in-Bay; one for Denver on behalf of Mr. H. G. Smith.

MR. BESCHER: Denver 2.

MR. BARNUM: Three proxies for Put-in-Bay; personal vote for Denver.

- MR. CARPENTER: My proxy is held here.
 MR. CHAPMAN: Put-in-Bay 1.
 MR. CHANDLER: Jamestown 1.
 MR. DEATS: Nine votes for Jamestown.
 MR. DOEBLIN: Put-in-Bay 1.
 MR. ELLIOTT: Two for Denver.
 MR. EATON: One for Denver.
 MR. FOWLER: One for Denver.
 MR. B. G. GREEN: Denver 1.
 MR. HOWES: Three for Denver.
 MR. HUNNEWELL: Jamestown 1.
 MR. HOPKINS: Jamestown 1.
 MR. KELLEY: Jamestown 1.
 MR. KINGSBURY: Jamestown 1.
 MR. KLEINMAN: Denver 1.
 MR. JEWETT: Denver 1.
 MR. C. C. JOHNSON: Denver 25.
 MR. KIRBY: Denver 1.
 MR. MASSOTH: Denver 3.
 MR. MUDGE: Denver 1.
 MR. MICHAEL: Denver 1.
 MR. MOISANT: Denver 1.
 MR. NORTON: Denver 1.
 MR. PARKER: Denver 1.
 MR. PREVOST: Ten for Jamestown.
 MR. POLLARD: Denver 2.
 MR. ROSENTHAL: Denver 17.
 MR. ROTHFUCHS: Denver 1—that is my personal vote—and for my proxy, C. N. Richards, one for Put-in-Bay.
 MR. RICH: Jamestown 1.
 MR. RUDY: Put-in-Bay 16.
 MR. SEVERN: Denver 30, Put-in-Bay 3, Jamestown 1.
 MR. SWART: Denver 2.
 MR. SAWYER: Denver 1.
 MR. SUYDAM: Jamestown 1.
 MR. W. C. STONE: Jamestown 1.
 MR. STEIGERWALT: Jamestown 1.
 MR. WALTER A. SMITH: Denver 1.
 MR. SOLOMON: Denver 1.
 MR. WOLFF: Jamestown 1.
 MR. WEYHE: Jamestown 1.
 MR. WILLIAMS: Denver 1.
 MR. WOOLLEY: Denver 1.
 MR. WARD: Jamestown 1.
 MR. WOLSIEFFER: Jamestown 2, Put-in-Bay 3, Denver 182. (Prolonged applause.)
 MR. DOEBLIN: I am glad Jamestown is elected.
 THE PRESIDENT: If there is any gentleman present who has not voted on the question, who has come in since—
 MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. Wylie has not voted.
 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Wylie has not registered. His name is not among the slips here.
 MR. WYLIE: Suppose you call my name.
 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Wylie.
 MR. WYLIE: One for Jamestown, 2 for Put-in-Bay, and 47 for Denver. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Berthold, I think, has come in since the roll was called. Do you wish to vote on the question?

MR. BERTHOLD: Yes, sir, I have voted through my proxy and I vote heartily and sincerely for Denver. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other members whose names have not been called? Willard S. Fuller?

MR. FULLER: Jamestown.

THE PRESIDENT: Charles S. Osgood?

MR. OSGOOD: One for Denver.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other members who have not voted? If not, the polls are closed.

MR. BERTHOLD: Mr. President, I rise—

THE PRESIDENT: If Mr. Berthold will wait until the vote has been announced. While the Secretary is making up the account Mr. Howes has a few announcements to make about the excursion.

MR. HOWES: I simply want to say, gentlemen, that any of you who have not either signed your name for a ticket or taken your ticket yet can get them either of me or Mr. Carpenter, who will be here until the close of the session. If you are a member of the Association you want to have a red ticket, which admits you to all the attractions, and if you have persons accompanying you you want to get white tickets for them. Please be sure and get those before this afternoon if you are intending to go on the afternoon trip by trolley. Either Mr. Carpenter or I will be at the car at Post Office Square before it starts. Also be sure to get them before the boat starts to-morrow. I think everybody in Boston knows where Post Office Square is, if they don't know where Hecht's Wharf is.

THE PRESIDENT: Listen to the report on the ballot.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, there were 402 votes cast, of which Denver received 334, Jamestown 37, and Put-in-Bay 31. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Denver has been selected as the place of the next meeting. The next thing in order will be the fixing of the date of the convention. Shall the convention fix the date, or shall it be left to the Board of Directors?

MR. WYLIE: Mr. President, in view of the fact that the local reception committee will know better in regard to the most suitable time for the holding of this convention, I would move that it be left to the Board of Directors.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: It is moved and seconded that the date of the convention be left to the Board of Directors to select after consultation with the local committee in Denver.

The motion was carried.

MR. SWART: Mr. President—gentlemen; in behalf of Denver, the Denver Stamp Club and all the citizens I thank you for selecting Denver for next year. We will do our best to take care of you and see that you have a good time. (Applause.)

MR. BERTHOLD: Mr. President and members: It seems to me, speaking now simply as a member of the Boston Philatelic Society, that the sentiment is so overwhelmingly in favor of going to Denver it would look better on the records, and I move that the vote be made unanimous.

THE PRESIDENT: According to parliamentary law a ballot cannot be made unanimous, I think. We would all like to make it so. A viva-voce vote can be made unanimous, but a ballot has to stand on the records, I think.

MR. DOEBLIN: After this, any city that wants a convention ought to engage P. M. as press agent. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: He generally gets what he is after.

MR. DOEBLIN: I know he does.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: I want to say that it was entirely disinterested on my part. My object in soliciting proxies and getting the ballots out is to have as large a representation as possible. You know it used to be said in the old days that cliques controlled the Association. We don't want cliques; we don't want cliques controlling the Association.

Everybody was invited to express their opinion and I think they did it in that ballot. As I said before, I was entirely disinterested. My people are all in the East; in fact, I am an Eastern man myself; I come from the City of Brotherly Love. But I have gone out West, they have received me with open arms, and I think it will do you all good to come out and see us in the West.

The following letter, filed with the Secretary, is printed here for the information of the members:

DENVER, COLORADO, Aug. 2, 1906.

American Philatelic Association, in convention assembled, Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:—Inasmuch as perhaps the inducements to hold the convention in Denver next year may not be fully understood by the members of the A. P. A., we beg to say. First, Denver wants the A. P. A. convention in 1907. The Governor of Colorado, the Mayor of Denver, the Denver Chamber of Commerce, the Denver Stamp Club, and the other citizens and organizations have all joined in heartily to bring this convention to Denver and to properly entertain the visiting members. The Denver Stamp Club will consider it both an honor and a pleasure to take the visiting members to the top of Pike's Peak free of charge, where a special meeting will be held,—the highest point ever reached in philately, 14,147 feet above the sea.

Furthermore, arrangements have been made to show the city of Denver to the visiting members from chartered cars and automobiles. Denver is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the United States, and this trip is of especial interest as showing how the desert has been made to blossom like the rose. Special arrangements have been made with the management at Elitch's Gardens, Denver's great pleasure resort, for entertaining the visiting members without cost to them. This will include all the features of the Gardens, including the theater. The hotel contingent will make special rates and this is also true of the railroad companies, whose lines reach all the wonder places of Colorado. There will be something doing all the time. Come to Denver and let us show you.

Yours very truly,

W. A. SWART,
H. A. DAVIS,
WALTER CLARKE BELLOWS.

APPROPRIATION FOR RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

THE PRESIDENT: We must hurry through our business. Last year the convention neglected to make an appropriation for the Recruiting Committee, which necessitated the Board of Directors taking a mail vote, causing some delay and hampering the Committee somewhat in their work. I think a recommendation for an appropriation was made in Mr. Rosenthal's report. I think now would be the proper time to act upon that.

MR. KELLEY: If it is in order I move that a sum not less than \$150 be placed at the disposal of the Recruiting Committee for its work.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: Subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors?

MR. KELLEY: Subject to no discretion—the sum of at least \$150—that the sum of \$150 be appropriated for the use of the Recruiting Committee, to be expended, of course, under the supervision of the chairman of that committee.

MR. PARKER: I move to amend that to read "at the discretion of the Board of Directors."

MR. KELLEY: I object to the amendment, Mr. President, because if the chairman is not—

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment is not seconded.

MR. FOWLER: Question!

The motion of Mr. Kelley was put to vote and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: All of you know what these blue badges that some of us are wearing mean. It is like the blue ribbon that they give at the cattle show. It shows that we have won a prize by getting a new member. I want to inform you that the Association did not get these up; they were provided personally by the chairman of the Recruiting

Committee. (Applause.) I think it is an excellent idea, and I recommend that the committee be authorized to prepare similar badges each year at the expense of the Association.

MR. KINGSBURY: Mr. President, I move that this committee be authorized to give such badges each year to those who get new members.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and carried.

ASSOCIATION BADGE.

THE PRESIDENT: The question of an Association badge has come up several times. As it now stands, we have no badge unless the old button which was adopted at Chicago in 1887 still stands. The vote adopting it has never been rescinded. The die is lost.

MR. RICH: I move that the Association at its own expense have a new die made to produce buttons like the one we now wear, to be sold at cost to members.

THE PRESIDENT: These buttons, I believe, sold for thirty or forty cents.

MR. RICH: (Continuing his motion.) The cost of the die to be distributed among the first 500 buttons made.

The motion was seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the motion—that the Board of Directors be instructed to have a new die made for striking a badge similar to the present one. You wish it to be exactly like the present die?

MR. RICH: Oh, I think about like that. It may be improved on if there is any improvement possible.

THE PRESIDENT: To be sold to the members at a figure as near cost as can be figured, the cost of the die to be divided among the first 500 struck.

MR. MICHAEL: Instead of "like it" I would like to amend the motion to read "similar to," so that if they want to put the name of the Association on the badge they can do so.

THE PRESIDENT: Do you accept the amendment?

MR. RICH: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: One of the directors has suggested certain changes which will perhaps improve it.

MR. RICH: My intention was not to limit you exactly to the wording of my motion, because it was made on the spur of the moment.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Rich accepts the amendment.

MR. HOPKINS: Would it be well to specify in the motion who is to have charge of the changes?

THE PRESIDENT: The Board of Directors will carry it out.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

USE OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL BY RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

MR. KELLEY: In connection with the work of the Recruiting Committee I would like—I don't know just how to go about it, but I would like to get authority for the Recruiting Committee to use the official journal in promoting the interests of the Association.

THE PRESIDENT: Application should be made to the Board of Directors through the chairman of the Recruiting Committee.

MR. KELLEY: Could it not be done by the convention authorizing the committee to go to the expense of using the columns of the official organ?

THE PRESIDENT: The committee are at perfect liberty to insert such matter as they see fit—official reports—

MR. KELLEY: Even if they exceed the contract space?

THE PRESIDENT: No space is contracted for. Any reasonable amount of space will be given us.

MR. KELLEY: I would like it to go on record that it is my personal sense that the Recruiting Committee should be heard from from time to time in the columns of the official journal.

THE PRESIDENT: The Recruiting Committee has just been voted \$150. If they want to use paid advertising in the *Weekly* I am sure they could use that money for that purpose.

MR. WYLIE: Oh, Mr. President—

THE PRESIDENT: I think we can trust Mr. Johnson for booming things.

MR. WYLIE: I think, Mr. President, that there will be no question in regard to the attitude of the *Weekly* in this matter. There is, of course, that last page of the *Weekly* which is given over to society matters, and we will be very glad to insert anything that may come from the Board of Directors. As you may well understand, there are a number of societies which are pressing us for space, but the *Weekly* has always been very liberal in the matter of giving its space for work of this kind, and we will be very glad to do the same thing in the future. (Applause.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

(Read by Mr. Rosenthal.)

BOSTON, MASS., AUG. 16, 1906.

Mr. President, your committee beg to report as follows:

With the exception of two minor clerical errors, the financial report of the Secretary is correct, and his report has been altered by us to correspond with the facts.

The balance of the general fund as reported by the Treasurer and Finance Committee last year was \$119.48, instead of \$120.68, as stated in Treasurer's report of this year.

The balance of the insurance fund last year as reported by the Finance Committee was \$724.97, instead of \$731.42, as reported by the Treasurer this year.

The Secretary reports \$217 remitted to the Treasurer during the past year, on account of stock fund. The Treasurer reports \$264 to the credit of stock fund during this time. We cannot find where this additional sum of \$47 was obtained.

The Treasurer did not submit his books for auditing; your committee therefore has been unable to check the detail of receipts of cash.

We therefore recommend the appointment of a sub-committee of three, to be known as the Auditing Committee, to check the cash book and ledger of the Treasurer and to duly report their findings to the President. Said committee to be composed of three members resident in Minneapolis, St. Paul or vicinity.

All disbursements are clearly shown and are correct.

The Treasurer has not submitted a certificate of deposit for \$2,400 on time deposit with the New York Security & Trust Co., nor a certification showing authoritatively the amount on hand in the Germania Bank of Minneapolis. We recommend that this procedure be required of the Treasurer, accompanying his annual report.

During the previous fiscal year the general fund was credited with \$71.98, interest on our time deposit of \$2,400; not being able to check receipts of cash during the past fiscal year, and in the absence of the detailed statement from the Treasurer showing such receipts, we are unable to determine whether the general fund was credited with any interest during the past year. We would draw attention to the fact that our interest income should be at least \$72 per annum on \$2,400 on time deposit, and in case we have not been in receipt of this revenue, we recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to take the necessary steps to secure this income for our general fund.

The Treasurer reports that the amount of cash in the Germania Bank of Minneapolis is \$193.21. His bank book, as submitted, shows a balance on August 6 of \$514.39. The discrepancy is due to Voucher No. 205, for \$21.18, issued to D. T. Eaton, which has not yet been presented to the bank for payment.

The Secretary has reported Vouchers Nos. 206 and 207 for \$2 and \$7.30 respectively, but as same had not reached the Treasurer at the time of making his annual report, he has not mentioned them.

The Treasurer reports that the general fund is overdrawn \$30.26. The two vouchers above mentioned make the total amount overdrawn \$39.56. We have the amount of \$34.25 returned by the Library Committee, which should be credited to the general fund. This amount, however, will appear in the fiscal statement of next year.

We recommend that the International Secretary's recommendation in regard to the annual donation of \$5 to the *Vertrauliche Korrespondenz Blatt* be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. ROSENTHAL, *Chairman*,
JOHN W. PREVOST,
WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Committee of Finance.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the report of the Committee on Finance.

MR. DEATS: Mr. President, I am willing to move its adoption with one exception. The money that was sent in by the Assistant Librarian is what was left from the appropriation of \$100 for expenses of the library and for binding, and the bulk of it will be needed some time in November to pay for stuff about ready for binding, and that money should go back to him. He has simply followed custom and submitted a bank draft for the balance in his hands rather than the certificate of a cashier, which seemed unnecessary for a small amount. The simplest way was to submit a draft and close the account, it being a small account and bearing no interest, and this money should go back to him and not be considered in the assets of the Association.

Mr. Burt moved that the report be accepted with the amendment suggested by Mr. Deats.

THE PRESIDENT: Do the committee accept the amendment?

MR. ROSENTHAL: I certainly do, though I cannot speak for the other members of the committee. I would like to know, however, whether this amendment would not conflict with Mr. Chandler's motion?

MR. DEATS: Mr. Chandler's motion was requesting the directors to invest the stock fund and the insurance fund; it had nothing to do with this.

THE PRESIDENT: Do the other members of the committee acquiesce in the amendment—Mr. Prevost and Mr. Wylie?

MR. WYLIE: Yes.

MR. PREVOST: I do, Mr. President.

The motion was put to vote on the acceptance of the report as amended and was carried.

THE PRESIDENT: This carries with it, of course, the appropriation for the *Vertrauliche Korrespondenz Blatt*. (to Mr. Doeblin) Did I pronounce that right?

MR. DOEBLIN: Yes, sir, perfect.

MR. HOWES: I want to announce in regard to getting the tickets that Mr. Carpenter and I are both obliged to leave, so those who have not obtained the tickets will apply to Mr. Kelley.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any other committee ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SALES DEPARTMENT.

The following report was read by Mr. Fowler, and upon motion of Mr. Mudge the same was accepted and adopted:

BOSTON, MASS., August 15, 1906.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Sales Department beg to report on the various matters referred to them as follows:

They recommend the acceptance of the report of the Examiner of Sales Books as rendered, and the endorsement of his suggestion that members be more careful in pricing their stamps and avoid the circulation of reprints.

They recommend the acceptance and approval of the report of the Sales Superintendent in so far as it relates to his workings of his department and the balance sheet therein contained.

Our hearty commendation is given his efforts to perfect the operation of the depart-

ment, and would request that members be more exact in following the rules of the department.

The various infractions, though minor ones, entail an endless amount of correspondence, and delay in rectifying the same, and unnecessary work on the part of the Superintendent.

They further recommend that favorable action be taken on the legislation suggested and asked for in his report.

HENRY ADES FOWLER, *Chairman*,
C. C. JOHNSON,
C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

BOSTON, August 16, 1906.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your Committee on Library has carefully scrutinized the various documents that have been referred to it, and regrets that from their tenor it is evident that interest in this adjunct of the Association is at a low ebb.

In brief, this condition is to be attributed to a lack of knowledge on the part of members of the workings of the library, due to the absence of a recent catalog of philatelic works, with rules as to their circulation, reposing in the Carnegie Library.

We approve the recommendation of the Assistant Librarian: "That arrangements be made to have the rules and the catalog printed together for circulation."

We suggest that the balance in the Library Fund, \$34.50, tendered by the Assistant Librarian in the shape of New York draft for that amount, be returned to the Assistant Librarian, following the usual custom.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SEVERN, *Chairman*,
E. DEZ. KELLEY,
W. O. WYLIE.

Report accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other committees ready to report? If not, I will call on the Committee on By-laws. Mr. Deats will report for the committee. It will be necessary for us to adjourn about 11:30 in order to allow plenty of time for dinner, so that we have just about half an hour. If the members will give careful attention we will not have to repeat the matters. We have one or two quite important things to recommend.

MR. DEATS: Printed copies of the by-laws can be had by any member who desires to follow the amendments as offered. The first amendment offered by the committee is in Section 4 of Article II, "Membership," at the top of the second column on page 2. After the words "Any stockholder," in the third line, add "who has resigned in good standing, or any stockholder"—thus putting resigned members in the same class with suspended members.

THE PRESIDENT: There is no provision now by which a member who resigns in good standing can come back into the Association without joining as a new member, consequently he cannot obtain his old number, which many are desirous of.

MR. DEATS: In the seventh line, strike out "one year's dues," and at the end of the sixth line, after the words "on payment of such debt and," add: "one dollar and twenty cents plus the amount of dues for the remainder of the current year."

THE PRESIDENT: This is simply for the purpose of making it a little clearer what the members have to pay. There is no change in the law as it now stands.

MR. KELLEY: I did not quite follow that. May I ask just what it costs a man who resigns to be reinstated? Of course he pays up when he resigns and does not owe the Association anything. Suppose he joins within six months, what would he have to pay?

THE PRESIDENT: \$1.20 plus sixty cents.

MR. KELLEY: He would have to pay \$1.80. Why do we impose that? If it is in order I move that he pay merely the dues for the unexpired portion of the fiscal year. If a man is a good enough member to come back, he having resigned and gotten out in good order, why don't we make it easy for him to come back?

MR. DEATS: In answer to Mr. Kelley, a member by resigning shows that he has lost interest in the Association for some reason and dropped out. He has severed his relations with the Association on his own initiative, and if he wants to come back he should come back practically on the same basis as a new member, which he does, except that we do not require him to pay another dollar for a certificate of stock.

MR. KELLEY: Of course that is all true, but, as shown by the appointing of the Recruiting Committee, we are endeavoring to get all the desirable members we can. If a man was a good enough member so that he resigned in good order, we surely want to make it as easy for him to come in and go on with us as we can. There might be some special reason for his withdrawal; it might be that he had to go away or that his business was in such shape that he had to temporarily drop out. I move that we allow members who resign in good standing to come back and have their old number by paying the portion of the dues only for the unexpired portion of the current year. If it is thought well to have a minimum, say six months' dues, all right, but do not make them pay for something that they do not get. I know around Boston there are several men whom we could get who do not want to pay to fatten the treasury of the Association, which is doing pretty well as it is.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wylie.

MR. SEBBENS: I am very much in favor of what Mr. Kelley has to say and suggest that they be allowed to come back within one year.

MR. RICH: Mr. President, as long as the gentleman has brought up that question of giving time, and Mr. Kelley has spoken on the subject of the amount of money that a man would invest in coming in here, and our desire to get in desirable members, I would like to say that in my opinion any man who is not willing to put up \$1.20 for membership in this Association is not a desirable member.

MR. WYLIE: Mr. President, I am rather sorry that Mr. Kelley added that closing sentence to his argument. He did well up to that point, but that weakened his case. I wish he had not spoken those words. I personally feel that the proposition is an eminently proper one for us to consider. I think it is true of other organizations that where there is a lapsing in membership a restoration can be had by the payment merely of the dues for the current year, and it seems to me upon its merits this proposition is a good one. I am prepared to vote for it not because I feel that there are members who are waiting to join us but who do not do so because they can't scare up the \$1.20, but because I think it is a good proposition, and it is a wise way for us to treat these resigned men. For that reason I shall vote for the amendment.

MR. KELLEY: Mr. Wylie has not correctly understood me, if he understood me as saying that they could not scare up the \$1.20, because I do not recruit in that class. But there are a number of men who say, "Why should I pay \$1.20 for something I never got? It is really charging me another initiation fee. I am willing to pay the society for what I am going to get. If you want me badly enough to let me come back, let me come back easy." I do not recruit among people who cannot pay \$1.20, or sixty cents, or whatever it is.

MR. CHANDLER: I think if the Association is worth coming into, it is worth while for the man to pay the dollar for the share of stock. The Secretary has to cancel it when he withdraws. He can give him the old number because the rule is that a number once given out shall not be given to a second party. I would say that the member who desires to return should pay another dollar for the share of stock and pay his dues at ten cents a month, commencing with the month of the fiscal year in which he returns. For example, if he comes in at the ninth month, let him pay his thirty cents dues and his dollar for his

share of stock. A man who is not willing to do that is hardly to be called a desirable member.

MR. DEATS: This matter was talked over last night for two hours and a quarter in the Committee on By-laws. We called in several members and consulted with them about it, and it was brought down to this form, to which all agreed. It would take too long now to go over all those arguments again, but all those who went over it agreed on this proposition which the committee has offered. I can see the force of some of Mr. Kelley's arguments and I am sorry we did not have him here last night to listen to the work of the committee, because then I know he would have agreed with us. Having served in nearly every office in the Association from nearly all the appointive offices up to President and four years as Secretary, I have not always believed in this amendment as now offered, but I do believe in it now and so does Mr. Eaton, who has served you the last three years as Secretary. I think this amendment as offered now will come nearer to making the section perfect than anything we have had previously, and if it does not work we can change it another year. I think it will bring good results. I may say for Mr. Kelley's benefit that it is intended to bring definite results in the case of certain members who have held back about returning.

MR. KELLEY: I dare say you are right, Mr. Deats, but as the motion has been seconded I would like the question put and see how the members feel in regard to it.

The motion was put to vote and declared lost.

MR. CHANDLER: I would ask the President to repeat the sum and substance of the amendment, that is, how the section will stand.

THE PRESIDENT: In substance, Mr. Kelley's amendment was—

MR. CHANDLER: No, the committee's amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: The committee's recommendation is that stockholders who have resigned in good standing can be reinstated upon payment of \$1.20 plus the amount of dues for the current year. A member joining in the middle of the year would pay \$1.20 plus sixty cents dues for the rest of the year.

MR. CHANDLER: \$1.80.

THE PRESIDENT: The \$1.20 is a sort of fine which they pay for the privilege of getting their old stock number. If they join as a new member, then they would have to have a new stock number. By paying this additional sum they can have their old certificate back or their old number, and a great many are desirous of having their old number and are willing to pay for the privilege.

MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. President, is not one dollar of that \$1.20 in payment for the stock?

THE PRESIDENT: No, sir.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. President, is it not cheaper to be reinstated if one leaves in poor standing than in good standing?

THE PRESIDENT: It is as the by-laws now stand.

MR. MICHAEL: Mr. President, has an old member the privilege of entering as a new stockholder instead of getting back his old certificate?

THE PRESIDENT: He certainly has if he wishes to.

MR. EATON: That would be twenty cents cheaper.

The question was put to vote on the adoption of the amendment offered by the committee, and the same was adopted.

MR. DEATS: Article III, Section 3, page 3, near the close of the section, relating to mail votes of the stockholders:

"The result shall be certified by the Vice-President to the President."

That is a typographical error; it should read "certified by the Board of Vice-Presidents to the President."

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no objection that will stand corrected. The chair hears none.

MR. DEATS: Section 9, in the list of committees, insert "A Committee on Place of Next Convention," the idea being that all these invitations for the ensuing year's meeting shall be referred to this committee to be digested and placed before the convention in tabulated form.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the recommendation; if there is no objection it will stand adopted. The chair hears none; it is adopted.

MR. DEATS: Article IV, Section 2, last column of page 3. In the fourth line from the bottom add after the last word, "another," the words "candidate for," so that it shall read:

" * * * * and in case of the three Vice Presidents being from the same state or locality as another candidate for Director, the Vice Presidents will take precedence over the other candidate even though he have a greater number of votes."

The purpose of this is simply to clear up the meaning of this section.

THE PRESIDENT: This simply inserts the words "candidate for" before "Director," to make the meaning a little plainer.

MR. BERTHOLD: I move its adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no objection it will stand adopted.

MR. DEATS: Article V, Section 4, first column of page 5, under the head "Treasurer," in the eleventh line from the bottom, after the word "vouchers," change the period to a comma and add this: "his books of account, a cashier's certificate of the amount of money on deposit at the date of such statement, and any and all such other papers and instruments as may be requisite for a complete auditing of his books and accounts."

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the amendment. This is in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee. It requires the Treasurer to submit all papers so that we can properly audit his accounts. The chair hears no objection; it will stand adopted.

MR. CHANDLER: I would like to inquire, Mr. President, if the bond of \$3,000 is adequate for the sum of money that the Treasurer will handle in the next two or three years?

MR. DEATS: It is.

MR. CHANDLER: But you have \$2,400 in the stock fund.

MR. DEATS: It is about \$3,000. That is considered adequate at the present time.

THE PRESIDENT: That was gone over last year.

MR. DEATS: Article VII, Section 4, "Sales Superintendent," paragraph *g* at the top of page 7, last column: Strike out the words "one-half of," making the insurance percentage one per cent. instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any remarks? This changes the rate of insurance from $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. to one per cent., as recommended by Mr. Wolsieffer, the Sales Superintendent.

The motion was made and seconded that the amendment be adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any objections? The chair hears none, and it stands adopted.

MR. DEATS: Paragraph *j*, at the top of page 8: Strike out the last sentence:

"Whenever a book shall have been in circulation for the period of three months he shall render a quarterly report to the owner of such book until it shall be retired."

Change the period after "Vice-Presidents" to a semi-colon and add these words:

"and he may decline to send stamps to a foreign country when it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Vice-Presidents that customs laws, or other conditions, make it impracticable for the department to do business in such country."

THE PRESIDENT: This amendment includes striking out the provision for reporting quarterly to owners, which is not taken advantage of at all and entails much unnecessary work on the Superintendent. Further, the purpose is to make it discretionary as to circulating books in foreign countries. A great deal of difficulty has been met with in

our Canadian circuit, and the purpose is to obviate that. Is there any objection to the adoption of this recommendation? The chair hears none, and it stands adopted.

MR. DEATS: Mr. President, that is the whole report of the Committee on By-laws. I move that the report of the committee be adopted as a whole.

The motion was seconded and on being put to vote was carried, and the amendments recommended by the committee were declared adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: There is one other item of business to come from the Committee on By-laws.

MR. HOPKINS: Is there any provision in the by-laws for the Recruiting Committee?

THE PRESIDENT: There is. It is a special paragraph in Article VII (Section 14.) It does not appear in the list of Standing Committees.

MR. CHANDLER: Is there any provision for the return of any member who may be dropped for non-payment of dues?

THE PRESIDENT: There is; that is in the section that we just amended.

UNSOLICITED APPROVAL SHEETS.

MR. DEATS: Mr. President, the Board of Vice-Presidents in their annual report dwelt on the matter of unsolicited approval selections and recommended the insertion of the following at the end of the sixteenth line of Section 2 of Article II of the by-laws, so that the section beginning with the second sentence should read as follows—shall I read this all over again?

THE PRESIDENT: Do the members desire to hear this read?

MR. CHANDLER: Boil it down and tell us what it is.

THE PRESIDENT: Proceed with the recommendation of the committee.

MR. DEATS: The Board of Vice-Presidents recommended the insertion of the following section:

"Section 3. A member sending unsolicited approval selections to another member or applicant for membership shall, on complaint of an applicant or member to the Board of Vice-Presidents with all necessary proof, be warned by the Board of Vice-Presidents, if the truth of the complaint shall be established, to discontinue the practice. Should the member, after receiving such warning, be complained of a second time for the same offence, either by the first complainant or another, and should the charge be substantiated, the Board of Vice-Presidents shall expel such member and shall certify the fact to the Secretary, who must thereupon proceed accordingly, and such member's stock shall be forfeited to the Association. Should the member so expelled feel that the action of the Board of Vice-Presidents was not warranted by the facts, said member may within fifteen days after receipt of notice of his expulsion from the Secretary by registered mail, appeal to the Board of Directors through its President for a review of the findings of the Board of Vice-Presidents, and the President shall submit all papers in the case to each Director and proceed according to Section 5, Article IV, to take a vote on the question as to whether unsolicited approval selections were or were not sent, after the warning provided for in this section, by the person expelled and making the appeal. If by a majority vote of the Board of Directors the member shall be deemed not guilty of the charge, he shall be reinstated by the Secretary without further formality. In the case of a stamp company, any or all of the executives of such company who may be members of the Association may be considered the offending member within the provisions of this section, and be dealt with accordingly.

Mr. President, the committee did not like to place in the by-laws this recommendation of the Board of Vice-Presidents on a proxy vote, and considered carefully the question of recommending its submission to a mail vote of the members of the Association. At the same time, the committee are not sure that this is the best method. But to bring it before the convention for consideration the committee do recommend that the adoption of this matter be referred to a mail vote of the Association.

MR. FERNALD: Mr. Deats, I think that is a very, very important thing. Within the last thirty days—

MR. DEATS: Suppose you second this motion.

MR. FERNALD: I will second the motion in order to carry it out.

THE PRESIDENT: I am sorry to call the gentleman down, but he is not yet a member of the Association.

MR. FERNALD: All right, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Although you stand at the head of the list of applicants.

MR. FERNALD: I see; all right, sir.

MR. BERTHOLD: In listening to the changes that have been proposed I find there is a word used which is clearly open to misconstruction. You use the word "improper." I propose with your approval to change that word, because "improper" has a very different meaning and can be applied in a great many different ways. I should say "conduct which is inconsistent with the laws established by the Association." I move that that word "improper" be stricken out, for it is clearly meaningless as it stands.

THE PRESIDENT: I hardly think that is in order now, Mr. Berthold. The question is on the recommendation of the committee that this be referred to the members for a mail vote.

MR. WYLIE: Cannot we extend Mr. Fernald the courtesy of the floor in view of the fact that he is an applicant for membership? I ask unanimous consent for such action.

MR. DEATS: I second the motion, and will say that I meant to make the motion on the first day, but forgot it. All applicants for membership who are present have heretofore been given a voice in the convention.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. Fernald will be a member next Saturday.

MR. WYLIE: That is day after to-morrow.

By unanimous vote the motion to extend Mr. Fernald the privilege of the floor was carried.

THE PRESIDENT: I am very glad to give Mr. Fernald the privilege of addressing us.

MR. FERNALD: Well, Mr. President, just in that connection my application being published in the official journal, I have received within the last 30 days two consignments of stamps. I wish you could all have seen them.

THE PRESIDENT: We have.

MR. FERNALD: They would have interested you all. The gross value of the two assortments was about \$5. One of them came from a party in the state of Massachusetts, who I have been told is a member of the Association; I am not sure of that, but I wish to find it out later. I returned those selections with the notification that I certainly disapproved of the sending of approval selections unsolicited. It is the most damnable thing on earth. I don't think there is anything strong enough to keep it down—keep it where it belongs. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: I do not think there is anyone here but will back up Mr. Fernald in his remarks. Most of us have seen those approval selections; we have heard of them, certainly. We want to stop them.

MR. WYLIE: Mr. President, I may be a little out of order in view of the fact that I am not speaking to any motion, but I do believe that it would be a splendid idea if the addresses of applicants were kept out of the official journal. No matter how radical measures we may resort to, we will not have jurisdiction over those who are not members of the Association and who will continue to make it uncomfortable for our applicants by sending selections when the names and addresses appear in the journal. I cannot see any useful purpose that is served by publishing the addresses in the official journal, in view of the fact that the Year Book will give us the information sooner or later, and if we desire to know the address of any applicant the Secretary, I am sure, will be very glad to supply it to any member.

MR. ROSENTHAL: I would like to inquire of Mr. Deats through the chair what the purpose of the committee was in referring this question to a mail vote instead of putting it up to the convention, in case the committee did not see fit to recommend it.

MR. EATON: That is what I say.

MR. WYLIE: That is right.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Deats, will you answer the gentleman's inquiry?

MR. DEATS: The committee were not unanimous in their belief that this was a proper thing to put in the by-laws; they were uncertain as to its general effect on the welfare of the Association. It was brought up last year and by its publication in the official journal and in the Year Book it has to a certain extent stopped the circulation of these unsolicited approval sheets. We did not know just how to get at it, and therefore we brought it up for consideration this way by the convention.

MR. KELLEY: Would it not be impracticable to entirely leave out the address? We might have an application from Mr. Brown of some small town. If it was, say, Mr. Brown of Brownsville, while we might leave off his street and number—40 115th Street, for instance,—we have got to put in his town, otherwise we would not know who the applicant was.

MR. DREW: I personally have never sent out an approval sheet for the last five years. I stopped it because it did not pay. It seems to me that it is an utter impossibility to stop anybody from sending out approval sheets if he is foolish enough to think he can make anything out of it. I should think it was beneath the dignity of the Association to tackle such subjects. It would be just as wise to try to stop flies from alighting on elephants' backs and annoying them. It absolutely does not pay to send out approval sheets to prospective members of the A. P. A. If you have the stamps they want they will come to you and pay you a better price than if you send them to them. The whole thing will regulate itself, and I think from my experience as a dealer with prospective candidates that the nuisance is not anywhere near what you think it is. It is utterly unwise to legislate on the subject at all. The only way to stop it is for people to send back the selections and not buy anything, then the other people will stop sending. It is an utter piece of foolishness, and I think the Association ought to be above legislating on such trivial matters. This thing is not wholly confined to stamp men. I had a little experience in another line a few years ago, when I got an average of fifty letters a day from people in the trade asking me to buy something. It was an awful nuisance. But what should you think of the dry goods dealers of the country if they were to make a rule against sending to people asking them to buy goods?

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Drew, this does not prevent their sending circulars and asking people to buy their stamps.

MR. DREW: They sent me samples and asked me to pay the postage to send them back.

MR. DOEBLIN: This matter is easily settled; I settled it years ago. (Laughter.) If a member or a new applicant gets an approval sheet without asking, send the party a postal card and say, "Send three cents for postage," and then put the stamps in your desk until you get three cents, and you will see how quick they will stop. (Voices: "Good;" "That is right.")

MR. KINGSBURY: I wish to say that these dealers who send out stamps unsolicited are mostly the small dealers. I know from experience, for I received two lots when my name was put in as an applicant.

MR. KELLEY: I have secured a number of members this year and the larger number of them received a number of unsolicited approval sheets, and I have tried unsuccessfully to find a remedy for it. Would it not be good policy to make the addresses as indefinite as possible, so far as is consistent with the needs of the members knowing who the applicants are? That is, where the applicant is from a city, not putting the street address in the official journal?

MR. RICH: Answering Mr. Kelley, the greatest publicity as to the name and address of prospective members is desirable. Let us take the case of Boston or New York or Chicago, any of the larger cities, and we are likely to have a number of Joneses or Smiths or Browns. Now Mr. Brown need not take offense at this; Brown lives on 19th Street

and there is another Brown, the son of a friend of mine, who lives on 22nd Street, while another one lives on 95th and another on 126th. I want to know exactly which boy or which man is applying for membership in this Association. Brown on 95th Street has done me out of a hundred dollars on one occasion; Brown on 19th Street is all right. It happens that two Browns live on 19th Street, one at No. 50 and the other at No. 60. The one at No. 50 is a man, responsible in every way; the one that lives at No. 60 is the son of a man who is responsible, but he does not know that his boy is doing every dealer. I want to know whether that boy is trying to get into the Association, and to say that he should not.

Now as to the question of this approval business unsolicited, I should say just one or two words. I stopped that when I was a collector. All the unsolicited approval sheets that were sent to me were put in my desk; I never answered. Then would come the dun; I did not answer that. Then would come the threat of a lawsuit. Then I would write a postal card: "I did not ask you to send me the approval sheets. You did not send me the money to send them back with. If you will send me the postage, you will get your goods."

MR. WYLIE: Mr. President, this problem is one that we can all settle ourselves as far as we are concerned, but it is the new members that join us that do not know how to grapple with it—they are the ones that we are trying to legislate for. I sympathize with much that Mr. Drew has said, in that it seems like small business for us to be compelled to put in our by-laws regulations covering it. I think that we could remedy this matter by giving all of the publicity that Mr. Rich refers to to our applications, all the publicity that would be required, and I think there could be inserted week by week a standing notice in the column under the official heading that would just hit this nail on the head. I think the President could write it, I think the Secretary could write it, I know I could write one that would keep the gentleman from Halifax, who is a great offender, and a gentleman in Washington whom I can well remember as having sent me a selection when I was posted as a candidate for the Boston Philatelic Society, and certain other ones that I have in mind from sending selections to every applicant published. That could be published as a standing notice, and I do not know but it is the best solution of the whole situation. (Applause.)

MR. SWART: Why not notify each new member when he puts in his application as to just how to handle this thing?

MR. WYLIE: Mr. President, a standing notice to the effect that any new member receiving an approval selection unsolicited should just hold that selection until an amount of money had been received sufficient to cover the return by registered mail and requesting him to make no purchases, would just settle that question once for all. (Voices: "That is right.") (Applause.)

MR. ROTHFUCHS: I heartily endorse Mr. Wylie's proposition. I think it is the best remedy which we could possibly adopt to do away with this abuse.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Wylie offers the motion as a substitute for the recommendation of the committee that it be submitted to a mail vote.

MR. HOPKINS: I second the motion.

THE PRESIDENT: And the motion is seconded.

The motion was put to vote and carried unanimously.

VOTES OF THANKS.

THE PRESIDENT: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report?

MR. DEATS: Mr. President, the committee have not put their resolutions in shape, but we desire to offer a vote of thanks to the Boston Philatelic Society for their generous hospitality and delightful entertainment of the visitors to this convention. We desire also to offer a resolution of thanks to the Mayor of the city, as its official head, thanking him for tendering the use of the boats for the ride down the harbor; a vote of thanks to the

press of Boston for its courteous treatment of the Association and the convention and the subject matter which brings us here; and to the Commandant of Fort Warren who tendered to the Association through the Boston Philatelic Society the privilege of visiting and inspecting the fort.

The question being put to vote, the motion of the committee was unanimously adopted.

COMPILATION OF BLACK LIST.

MR. WYLIE: I would like to have a reference to the Board of Directors, in order that it may be properly taken care of, of the compiling and publication of a black list during the coming year. The matter was referred to some committee, but has evidently failed of consideration.

THE PRESIDENT: The Committee on By-laws took it up last night but did not deem it advisable to take any action on it at present. Your motion would be in order.

MR. WYLIE: I will move that a special committee of three members, of which F. D. Goodhue of Cincinnati shall be chairman, be appointed to consider this matter and report at the next convention.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer.

THE PRESIDENT: Would it not be better for the committee to report to the Board of Directors before the convention, and then the matter could be incorporated?

MR. WYLIE: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: You hear the motion as modified. Mr. Goodhue has made a specialty of bad debts and is well posted on the subject. (Putting the question.) It is a vote.

VOTE OF THANKS TO DIRECTORS.

MR. BERTHOLD: Having just been on the subject of votes of thanks, it seems to me that it will be quite proper if the members will listen to me one moment. Anyone of you who has ever been a member of an association, I do not care what kind of an association, will have found that it is not quite as easy as it may appear to the uninitiated to do what is required and do it thoroughly, do it carefully and do it diligently. It seems to me from what I have observed of the action of the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association the past year—and I may say freely that though sitting in a quiet corner here in Boston I have not entirely shut my eyes to their doings—I wish to say that from what I have observed I have reached the conclusion that in all the many societies to which I belong I have seldom found a body of men serving as a Board of Directors who have tried to do as good and faithful and efficient work, gentlemen, as the Board of Directors of our Association. (Applause.) And therefore, gentlemen, with your approval and concurrence, it seems to me it would only be a fair thing for us as members, being about passing resolutions, to endorse on the record our thanks to the Board of Directors for the faithful and efficient work which they have rendered the Association during the past year.

MR. ROTHFUCHS: Mr. President, I second the endorsement.

THE PRESIDENT: Will Mr. Deats kindly put the motion?

MR. DEATS: Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. Berthold's very kind words and resolution regarding the Board of Directors. Those who are in favor of its adoption will signify by rising. Be seated, gentlemen; it is a unanimous vote.

MR. KELLEY: I just want to put in a word of notice here, that the time at which we must leave is only three-quarters of an hour away, and as we have got to get lunch we must keep it in mind.

THE PRESIDENT: We have one hour.

MR. WYLIE: The last word I heard from Mr. Batchelder was, "Don't forget to

inform the convention that the time of departure from the hotel is 12.45, and from Post Office Square, one o'clock."

MR. ROTHFUCHS: If there are any members present who have not received their badges, if they will come to me I will be pleased to present the official badge.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, in 1765 stamp collecting first started in Boston. Neither the dealers nor those who had anything to do with stamps received very kind treatment on the part of the public. They mobbed them, they burned their houses, they made them emigrate. Boston has improved since that time, as we can all testify. We are glad that we came, we have had a good time, and we are going to *have* a high time in Denver—if we go to Pike's Peak. (Applause.)

MR. DEATS: For something like fifteen previous conventions Mr. Stone has had the honor of moving that the convention adjourn. For this year and next year we have taken away from him that privilege, and I want to start on another fifteen years along the same line myself.

THE PRESIDENT: I will get at it year after next, perhaps.

MR. DEATS: I therefore move, Mr. President, that the convention adjourn sine die.

The motion was seconded and put to vote and carried, and the President thereupon declared the convention adjourned.

Attest:

D. T. EATON,

Secretary.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the President appointed C. L. Annan, of St. Paul, F. H. Lord and H. S. Swensen, of Minneapolis, to audit the books and accounts of the treasurer. Their report is herewith submitted.

ST PAUL, MINN., October 31, 1906.

Mr. Wm. C. Stone, President.

DEAR SIR: Secretary Henkels having kindly submitted on request the 1906 reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent of Sales, your committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and now offer the following findings and suggestions.

Theoretically the stock account should contain as many dollars as there have been members of the association. But for one good reason and another which an examination at this late date would probably fail to uncover in full, this is not the case. On August 1, 1905, the Treasurer's books show \$2,051.00 to the credit of the stock account including payment on certificate No. 2062. The last stock payment included in the report of August 1, 1906, was for certificate No. 2275. The increase in the stock account for the intervening year is consequently \$213.00.

On request Secretary Henkels states specifically Oct. 27, '06, that the amount remitted to the Treasurer for stock account for the year 1905-06 was\$221.00

Secretary Eaton's report of Aug. 1, 1906, shows:

July 28, 1906, Voucher 206—Fees returned to rejected applicants	\$2.00	
July 28, 1906, Voucher 207—Fees returned to rejected applicants	\$7.30	9.30
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		\$211.70
Probable advance dues included in above item of \$9.30 and chargeable to general fund		1.30
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		\$213.00

The interest on the N. Y. Security Trust Co. certificate for \$2,400.00 should have been collected last January. This and the Treasurer's fee of \$25.00 should have entered the general fund account, which would have then shown a credit balance instead of a deficit for the year.

REVISED REPORT OF TREASURER, AUGUST 1, 1906.

The following revised report of the Treasurer is submitted to show the actual status of the Association finances, aside from interest and fee mentioned above, Aug. 1, 1906, and to serve as a form to be adopted for subsequent annual reports made to the convention, in order that they may be audited on the spot with the aid of the reports of the Secretary and Superintendent of Sales and the cash diary of the Treasurer.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Balance Treasurer's report, Aug. 1, 1905.....	\$2,051.00	
Receipts year ending July 31, 1906.....	221.00	
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		\$2,272.00
Returned to rejected applicants, (vouchers 206 and 207, in part, Secretary's report)		8.00
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Balance, including payment on stock certificate No. 2275.....	\$2,264.00	

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance Treasurer's report, Aug. 1, 1905.....	\$ 119.48	
Delayed payment to former Treasurer.....	1.20	
Receipts year ending July 31, 1906, (cash diary)	879.35	
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		\$1,000.03

Disbursements.

Vouchers 166-188 inc., 190-201 inc., 204 and 205.....	\$1,030.39	
Returned to rejected applicants, vouchers 206 and 207, in part,	1.30	
(See Secretary's report for detail of vouchers.)		
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		\$1,031.69
Fund overdrawn	\$ 31.66	

INSURANCE FUND.

Receipts.

Balance Treasurer's report, Aug. 1, 1905.....	\$ 724.97
Delayed payment to former Treasurer.....	6.45
From P. M. Wolsieffer (Superintendent of Sales report)	50.54
	<hr/> \$ 781.96

Disbursements.

Vouchers 189, 202 and 203, (Secretary's report)	190.99
Balance, Aug. 1, 1906.....	<hr/> \$ 581.97

EXCHANGE ACCOUNT.

Balance Treasurer's report, Aug. 1, 1905.....	\$ 13.70
Receipts year ending July 31, 1906, (cash diary).....	8.50
	<hr/> \$22.20
Balance, Aug. 1, 1906.....	\$22.20
Summary of Balances	\$2,836.51

Disposition of Funds.

Certificate of deposit N. Y. Security Trust Co.....	\$2,400.00
Cash in bank	436.51
	<hr/> \$2,836.51

The Treasurer has furnished every facility and assistance in the work of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ANNAN,
FRANK H. LORD.

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OF THE

American Philatelic Association

Organized September 14, 1886

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Revised to Jan. 12, 1907

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 2215 Cook, Frederick S., 22 Sparhawk St., Brighton, Mass.
 2334 Cook, Geo. S., 361 Thomas Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
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 1463 Dutcher, Frank J., Hopedale, Mass.
- 226 Eaton, Comdr. W. C., U. S. Navy, Room 5, P. O. Bldg., Brooklyn, N. Y.
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 1255 Ewen, J. S., 322 Bush St., San Francisco, Cal.
- 743 Faber, W. H., 33 George St., Charleston, S. C.
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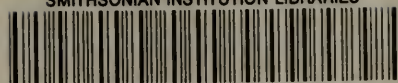
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